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Poetry.

My Child

BY REV. JOHN PIERPONT.

I cannot make him dead!
His fair memories haunt
Is ever bounding round my steady chair:
Yet when my eyes, now dim
With tears, I turn to him
The vision vanishes – he is not there!

I wait the perfect flower,
And, though he long delay,
I hear a footfall on the chamber stair;
I'm stopping toward the hall
To give the boy a call:
And then bethink me that – he is not there!

I thread the crowded street;
A satchell'd lad I meet,
With the same beaming eyes and entered hair;
And, as we're passing by,
Follow him with my eye,
Scarcely believing that – he is not there!

I know his face is fair,
I know his wit is bright,
I hoard are his eyes; cold his forehead fair;
My heart that mutters forth
All to its prayer I hold,
Yet my heart whispers that – he is not there!

I cannot make him dead!
When passing by the bed,
So long watched over with parental care,
My spirit and my eye
Seek it inquisitively,
Before the thought comes that – he is not there!

When in the still city sleeps,
Of day, from sleep I wake,
With my first breathing of the morning air
My soul goes up, with joy,
To Him who gave my boy,
Then comes the sad thought that – he is not there!

When at day's calm close
Before us meet in prayer,
I'm with his mother, offering up our prayer,
Whether I may be saying
I am in spirit, praying
For our boy's spirit, though – he is not there!

Not there! – Where, then, is he?
The form I used to see
Was but the casement that he used to wear.
The grave, that now did close
Upon that sunlit dress,
Is but his wardrobe lock'd – he is not there!

He lives! In all the past
He lives – nor, in the last,
Of strong him again will I despair;
In dreams I see him now,
And, on his angel brow,
I see it written, "Thou shalt see me there!"

Yes, we all live to God!
Father, my chastening rod
So help us, thee afflicted ones, to bear,
That in the spirit land,
Meeting at thy right hand,
'Twill be our joy to find that he is there!

Communications.

...e insert the following communication by request of the author. – ED.

For the Christian Recorder.

...TER FROM CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 19th, 1866

...AN Recorder:—

Your issue of the 15th inst. ...ontains a communication from your Chicago correspondent, who writes over the name of *plane*, "Ruth," to which I find some observations regarding the delegation from this city to the State Convention held at Galesburg, in October last. A unit of that representation, and, therefore, a part, in interest, it is, perhaps, not ...dvancing it one to brush my habitual, and, as I think, not unwise reticence, by entering into a statement or two of your correspondent. With not my solicitation, not a particle of my desire, I was named a delegate to that body, to represent, in part, the Colony of Cook.

My correspondent of the 4th ...ust. ...ays that a Willoughby ...ere, in the enjoyment of the ...ames in which we live, that demand obviously, that all shall bear a part of the general burden, for the advancement of the public weal. In common with my colleagues, I am referred to in the remarks of Ruth upon the proceedings had in the old ...ate' notice, at which the delegates reported ...hey wound up by saying that they were going to work "for Ruth, and their adds, "There did not appear to be any moral firmness in all that was said, and it has proven so; for I have, not have, of any thing done or said since." ...Allow me to remark, Mr. Editor, that while Ruth's purpose may be good, Ruth's position does not seem one to be at all enviable. Ruth's ...ponent of the science of "moral firmness," ...resides in what is stated as a fact, that Ruth has "not heard of any thing being done or said since" – (

In not the conclusion inevitable, (according to the premises of Ruth,) that it Ruth *had* heard *of anything*" – no matter what – being said or done," there would have been "moral firmness in all that was said."

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DON'T WAIT FOR THE EDITOR

Let us one in the West or South wait for the editor to visit the town or city where they reside, in order to renew their subscriptions to the Recorder and enclose their moneys to Rev. Elisha Weaver, *Box 2273, Philadelphia, Pa* The editor's course is very uncertain, and he may return home any week; ere is no certain which direction he will take, so subscribers one be obliged always to stay where.

Let our preachers urge the people to send their subscriptions to the General Book Steward immediately

Editor of *Christian Recorder*

Dec. 22—3t.

NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.

The year 1866 has rolled into the past. As the clock struck twelve at midnight and the New Year smiled upon an eastern world, we hasten to weld into the fleeting whirlpool of time it sank in the ocean of eternity. Our sadness in parting with the old year is relieved by the bright hope of fairer weather which the new one and we can with joyful heart wish all of our readers a Happy New Year.

During the past year many bright hopes like the early buds in spring have been killed by the chilling blast of adversity, and many poor souls growing to encouraging high purposes, like the caged bird, have been beating themselves to death against impregnable obstacles. Many tim have been severed in death, and numerous are they who soon the old year with an aching heart and moistened eye. Dear reader, let the thoughts of your disappointments, opposition, and sore afflictions go with the old year, " Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain thee." Enter on the New Year with an unwavering moral and higher purposes. The old year came in darkened by the ominous frowns of Andrew Johnson upon the Congress and nearly every part of the nation, making the liberty-loving patriot tremble, and the black men to stand appalled! It went out with Andrew Johnson under the disciplien of the school of public opinion, incorrigible frowning and pouting, but so harmless as the child in which it took its last breath, and the comedie himself by saying, " I won't learn " The new year came in with the bond of the black man's freedom resting in the hands of the people. The New Year ushers in, finding its compatriots ratified en

What wonders hath God wrought among us, as a denomination, during the past year. The ministers of the A. M. E. Church have gone over every southern state, and in the name of our God, have flung to the breeze our banner, and gathered into our ranks nearly twenty-five thousand of our brethren. Two new Conferences have been organized Wilberforce University has arisen from its ashes, and bids fair to be a light of learning that shall bless the world Improvement in every where visible in the northern and western states, the educational and moral standard is being elevated. Church polity is being imported, and, best of all, the hallowed fire that burned in the days of primitive Methodism, has been seen in the ascension of sinners to Christ in all our Conferences during

About the commencement of the old year we were unexpectedly called in the editorial chair of this journal, and feel inexpressibly thankful that Divine Providence has steered us during dark and stormy nights, through narrow seas, roads, by frightful rocks and dangerous shrieds, and this we raise the New Year as gently as waves, with every sail unbosomed to the breeze and oakers flying from the mast head Our brethren, knowing the difficulties we have had to honorably in their support and encouragement, and their general accommodation has been greater than deserved.

We are expecting a Happy New Year for the *Christian Recorder* Its course must be upward and upward it must be a fair exponent of our intelligence and a faithful guide of our people And through we have rightfully dedicated ourselves to the great work, thinking had the assistance of God and the aid of our brethren will give success.

We wish for the world a New Year that shall witness the accelerated progress of the Redeemer's kingdom, that shall send up shout of praise from the midst of the universe. To the Arabs race—to the Pan friends—and the pagans of Asia and Africa—a New Year that shall witness a revival of science that will run new vicissitudes and the elements of nature and on improved morality, that will show forth the dignity of humanity in its grandest aspect

We wish for our beloved land a New Year that shall heal the wounds of civil war, stay passions and prejudice, and make the tainted fields of the south term with verdure and the golden harvest darting in rapidly born of agriculture, and light her borders with the sunshine of prosperity

We wish for our race ushered into freedom on a glorious New Year's day by God's chosen one who sleeps in Springfield Illinois, a Happy New Year, one that shall roll again from the lofty tongue of a great and mighty government, and give them the rights of all other citizens.

We wish our Bishops, Elders, Deacons and Preachers a Happy New Year exempt from disappointment and crowned with blessings

Let us be a united people bearing each other burdens stimulating and encouraging each other and God will be with us, and victory with God.

Communicated. Jan 1st, 1867.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER

Our readers and kind patrons of the *Christian Recorder* will see that it has entered upon the Seventh Volume with the commencement of the New Year and we are happy to say that the indications for its success for the present year is brave, are, at present, quite flattering If our ministers and friends will do their duty, we shall have the largest circulation this year that we have ever had Let all our old subscribers hold on to the *Recorder*, and pay their money, and we shall be happy to send the paper to them. When we send the $2.50 or $3.00 for a paper of such magnitude? Who would be without the *Recorder* a single year? We would really like to know who it is that is not able to take the paper

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To our Many Patrons, and Fellow-Citizens of America and elsewhere

We greet you, on entering upon the duties of the new year, with the fond hope that you may live to enjoy all its produced and afforded comforts.—that you may be useful to yourselves, to your country, and to both the present and coming generations

Continued as we are that God created men to be happy, and to make all happy around him, we could not say otherwise We wish you the great blessings of a Triune God, and that we may live life of duty May His bless you to all the tasks of your daily avocations, whether physical or mental! May your minds enjoy a healthful pace with the present, and all the newly invented sciences, which the grasping mind of men may invent!

We look upon the present crisis and the coming year, as the most interesting period of the world's history. On the American continent, *slavery*, the VILLAIN, has, through God, been abolished by the sword and cannon ball, and love for freedom in all men It is true, it still exists in some portions of the Southern States

of the old, accursed leaven, under a false and pumped parent, unwarranted by the sacred laws of the laws of the country, so they are there, still remain The colored race must, of necessity, hold a new relation to the country, different from that which they have long held The old must not and will not be held as "goods and chattels," but as men and women, made by the same God, who created all other races of men It is true, he was a class, in the history of this country, when free colored men walked up to the polls of America and voted, just the same as the white, but opinion of every thing that tended towards the moral and social elevation of the young and old —the present and coming generations" Then, so by our chaste conduct, prove ourselves amply fitted for any station in life, that may be assigned to us, whether in Church or State. In this, there is our more thing of which I wish to speak just while I am at this point

Let our young men and ladies, as well as the old, go into business for themselves, by starting groceries, mercantile stores, pork companies, and items of various kinds Don't be afraid to risk your money in business, but do as those do, who themselves had to make a beginning Don't think that pre-con's do any thing but share the lion of a white man, black his boots, war around table, bowing and scraping, and doing chamberwork; for, but be sure and have your just as independent so far as principle is concerned, as any one else upon God Almighty's earth.

But there is another very important subject, to which I wish now to call your attention, and the attention of all my fellow citizens, whether colored or white, as we are all enter upon the same arena of life, and that is the *Christian Recorder*

The *Christian Recorder* enters now upon the seventh year or seventh volume of its age, of course, took care of itself, and we want the present to take care of itself This paper ought to be kept steadily in the field. It is the child of the colored race, and will be more and more so. Every family of our colored people ought to take it, for two reasons. First, because it is the organ of communication to all our people for information, wherein they get the kind of information they should be in possession of. Second, I think there was no other lawful reason why they should take it, it should be because it has greatly assisted its friends and its foes, for no one has ever called in question the *Recorder* would have existed more than three months, or six months at the longest But, thanks to God, the brain and nerves has been enabled to bring it through six years, with our feeble ability, without having stopped one week Yes, you ought to have it for the good it has done, and the good it will do to the present and future generations Why, when it is $2.50 per annum, for a paper which gives you fifty times the worth of that amount. Are there to be a full coming up from all quarters, and swell the list of the *Christian Recorder* to ten thousand such subscribers That is all we need to give you a good paper in every sense of the word Remember, that if you fail to support it, it cannot live, but must meet the fate that all other papers have met, which have failed for want of support

We appeal to all classes to give us their aid The Rev. James Lynch will richly fuel you on many good things, which he has in store for you, when he comes home

Respectfully,

Elisha Weaver

EDITOR'S SUDDEN

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 29th, 1866.

Two months away from home and still in Cincinnati Already our readers have been announced that in this city the Recorder has appointing friends; for this is the second visit to editor in making in the short space of time It is indeed lamentable to say that no more chairmanship at the funeral of the *Colored Citizen*, a paper that is worthy of a speedy resurrection its death is attributed by the knowing ones to the unemployment, for the people related it, and were willing to support it. Nothing more clearly indicates the classic and public spirit of the people than the fact that the fathers of the *Colored Citizen* did not dampen their ornaments in support of a colored journal; for the entire community is always alive to interest in the Recorder ones before expelled

THE FAIR

which the ladies are holding for the purpose of raising money to liquidate the debt on the Recorder, opened on Monday evening last; and notwithstanding the very great attractions presented in the many pumping parties of the holidays, it has met with a reasonable share of patronage.—and had it been possible to present a full, it would be a grand pecuniary success Though the ladies have been inestimably informed by a few good friends that "Charity begins at home," they are laboring with a will and no doubt the result will be quite pleasing to our Book Committee

The Fair was opened by a brief speech from the Editor; and on Wednesday night last, Peter H Clark, who is one of the clearest headed men on the land, lectured to a full house, on "The Failure of Colored Men's Enterprises" Mr Clark acquitted himself, just as he always does, with great credit. His subject was,

Poetry.

DAISY

BY J. ROSE ANDERSON.

Blindfolds power,
Whose LOVE is immensity—
Whose rulers are the earth and sea,
The year and day hours,
On northern walls Thou minest Love,
Thou makest southern grass to store,
And spreadest out Thy heave as above
Arcturus, Orion, Pleiad Thine.

Incognito will
Whose stately steppings ingress swarm,
Thou speakest, and the waves and storm
Obedient are still
Thy garments more the ragged hills,
And sweep gray kingdoms from on high,
Thou edict trembling earth inhills
And chaste to distant spheres Thy might.

Eternal feast of truth,
Thou emotion where Thy desolate—
Those bringest to contempt the great,
And anointest age with youth
Thy regal majesty is seen,
Thy lightness, in creation's plan
The heavens before Thee are as clean
And warm in fallow man.

Mystical Sovereign—Lord,
How light Thy presence—not in veil,
Boarder than earth, more deep than hell—
In motion in Thy word
That art of world's sole architect.
Supreme from ever beyond all ken
Our reason fails as we reflect—
Pity us, Lord, Selah! Amen!

Philadelphia, Dec. 1866.

Kitty and the Horsehair

Susy and Jane called me one afternoon to see Kitty King, and what do you think they brought her? A long horsehair. Susy had one, and Jane had one. Kitty was very glad. She went immediately for a bowl of water, and put the horsehair in. Mother was curious to know what the little girls had got. She went, and looking over their heads, asked what it was.

"Why mamma, they say horsehairs will turn to water-snakes, and we want to see them turn," said Kitty. "Who says so?" asked mother. "They," answered Kitty; "Alice Sawyer, Tom, and sister Mary."

"Did Alice and Tom ever see them turn?" "I do not know as they ever saw one turn, but Alice says," but they do turn. Tom says horse-troughs are full of them." "Full of them!" said Mrs. King, in a cold and haughty tone. Kitty. "No, hairs," said Susy. "I looked into two troughs, maybe a dozen, and saw no drink, and I could not find either snakes or hairs, said Jane, "but I suppose they do."

"No, brother Tom turned into a water-snake, little ones," said Mrs. King; "it is not according to God's love," and she led the children to go into the garden.

"Mamma of courses does not know every thing," whispered Kitty, much vexed by her mother's opposite views. "She hasn't been to all the places where horses drink. I guess she left what their hairs do when they get into water."

"What makes holes," said Susy. "Yes, cried Kitty, "you indeed." Morning, noon, and night Kitty anxiously watched the horsehair in the water.

Some time after, as papa was sitting after tea, Little Imogene, he said to her, "your horsehair can never become a water-snake." "Why not, papa?" asked Kitty hastily. "Because it is a law of God in creating things, that life brings forth life, and like produces like," answered. "I am sorry I don't know what all that means, said Kitty, in a puzzled tone. "Papa just has hand in the seed-box, and took out a kernel of corn. "This kernel," he said, showing it to Kitty, "though hard and dry outside, has life inside. Plant it and the life bursts out, and sprouts appear and bears corn, not potatoes or carrots, but corn; and it is just so with a grain of the wheat, it produces its like, which is corn; so not think of planting an apple tree to produce children—little apple children growing on it like cherries and so on." Kitty was highly diverted by the picture. "Things have no power to change their nature; a horse cannot produce a snake." "No more could a horse hair," added Kitty, quickly, by this time beginning to see that it was possible for a little girl to be mistaken. "Then what did folks say so for?" asked she, looking a sidelong thing pointed look at the horse hair in the bowl. "Ignorance is apt to jump to wrong conclusions," said papa. "Three is sometimes found in our brooks a long, black, thread-like worm, and the horsehair worm, because it looks like a horsehair, not because it ever was one." Kitty felt secretly glad there was something.

"Professor — has one," added papa. "Would you like to see it?" That she should. The next day her papa took her to the professor's study, where the worm was in a bottle of water. It looked, Kitty thought, like a small tangle of black sewing silk. He poured it out into a basin of water, and began to get out the tangles, when he found it was twisted round and hugging up a bag of its eggs. It did not want to be straightened out, but it was, and proved to be half a yard long. While the worm lying in its bag of eggs floated away, and Kitty "Natural if the worm would come. Indeed it did. Almost immediately it moved towards the eggs, and tried to weave itself around them, as a mother protecting its young. The professor then unwound it again. In doing so the bag broke, and some of the eggs dropped out and floated off. It was curious to see the poor worm trying to find and bring them back to the nest. "So strong," thought Kitty. "Motherly instinct," said papa. The professor then opened the bag of eggs, or rather it was a roll of about the size of a white coffee bean. "I wonder how long do you think it will last?" was. Four years long. Cutting it across and putting a bit of it under the microscope, he counted from seventy to twenty-five eggs, and he thought the whole number of eggs must be less than one eight millions.

"Papa," asked Kitty, on their way home, "what do you think of a horsehair worm?" "What do you, Kitty?" asked papa. "O Large, how beautiful are Thy works! it seemed hast thou made them all." That Bible verse is what I thought," replied Kitty.

THE POWER OF SYMPATHY.—A little other going down Broadway fell and bumped her head against the flagging. Rising and looking round, she saw a horse fall on the next pavement. In a moment the child forgot her pain, and through her tears said "Poor house! Did oo bump 'oo head

Grandma's Treasure.

Now, of all those sums gold pieces, wouldn't it make a laugh? said Susie Fay, as he counted out seventeen nickels pennies to and pointed on the table from his China cup. "Wouldn't it be nice if they were all half eagles, grandma?

It depends on the use you put them to, Freddie. Just to count, pennies are as good as eagles.

Oh! Mr. Burdock wouldn't think so, grandma. Jonas says he counts his bag of gold over twice a day. He would rather do it than eat, any time.

It is a very poor kind of pleasure that I never has, my child. I hope you may never have any thing of that sort.

I couldn't earn my money very well, if I walked to grandma. There are so many things that you and I want all the time."

Very well," said grandma, smiling. "It is quite as well as if you could save it. Now I have some treasures I love to count over and over more than twice a day, and they make me happier than all Mr. Burdock's gold.

What is it grandma? Those little rings and things you've got in the speckled bird box that State loves to look over so much?

No, not the dear little boy, Freddie, though there are many sweet associations clustering around all those fair, old-fashioned jewels. That treasure is worth far more than gold or diamonds. It is the treasury of love, unless given me by my precious Saviour. I love to take them up, one by one, as I sit here, busy with my knitting, and count them, and think gratefully to myself of the years of life, which Jesus opened when he died. There are fifty-two of them, and all this world can make you so happy even here—and nothing else can fit you for happiness hereafter."

The Little Outcast.

Mayn't I stay, ma am? I'll work; but wood, go for water, and do all your errands."

The trembled tone of the speaker was filled with tears. It was a lad that stood, cap in hand, in the outer door way of one of a cottage on a bleak moor in Scotland. The snow had been falling very fast, and the child's garments were cold and damp.

You may come in at any rate till my husband comes home," Mrs. Ross, as she left the fire, you look perishing with cold;" and she drew a chair up to the warmest corner, then, suspiciously glancing at the boy from the corners of her eyes, she continued setting the table for supper.

Presently came the tramp of heavy boots, and the door was swung open with a quick jerk, and a strong, coarse voice announced his day's work.

A look of intelligence passed between his wife and himself. He looked at the boy, but did not seem very well pleased: he nevertheless said, "You may come to the fire, and was glad to see how heartily he ate his supper.

Day after day passed, and yet the boy begged to be kept "until to-morrow," so day after day, after the same considerations, concluded that, as long as he was such a good boy, and worked so willingly, they would keep him.

One day, in the middle of winter, a pedlar, who often traded with the people in the moors, called at their cottage, and, after disposing of several of his goods, was preparing to go, when he said to the woman:

"You have a boy out there, splitting wood, I guess, running by the yard.

Yes, do you know him?

I have seen him," replied the pedlar.

Where? Who is he? What is he?"

A jail-bird," and the pedlar swung his pack over his shoulder, and left. "That boy, as he looks, I saw in court myself, and heard the judge giving out six months. You'd do well to look carefully after him."

Oh there was something so dreadful in the word—jail! The poor woman trembled as she laid away the things she had been using, and thought; nor could she be easy till she called the boy in, and scanned him that she knew that dark part of his history.

Ashamed and distressed, the boy hung down his head; his cheeks seemed bursting with the hot blush, and his lips quivered. "Well," he muttered, his whole frame shaking with fear, "I have been in jail, but no other; everybody hates and despises me; nobody cares about me.

"Tell me," said the woman, "how came you to go so young to that dreadful place? Where is your mother?

"Oh!" exclaimed the boy, with a burst of grief that was terrible to behold. "Oh! I have no mother! I hadn't no mother ever since I was a baby. If I'd only had a mother, I'm sure, continued, while tears ran from his eyes, "I wouldn't have been bound out, and kicked, and cuffed and hornswhipped, and all anew been ungry, and put into prison, and run away, and then stole, because I was hungry. Oh! if I only had a mother!

The strength was all gone from the poor boy, and he sunk on his knees, sobbing great sobbing sobs, and crying the hot tears away with the sleeve of his jacket.

The woman, her self a mother, and though all her children slept under the cold sod in the churchyard, she was a mother still. She put her hand kindly on the head of the boy, and told him to look up, and said from that hour she should feel in the place of a mother. She then put her arm around the neck of her forsaken, deserted child; she pressed him to her bosom, and sweet spoke to him words of counsel and tenderness. Oh! how happy was the boy, as he looked up into her pillow! She had plucked some thorns from the path of a little sinning but striving mortal.

That poor boy is now a promising man. His foster-father is dead, and he cares now for his aged and sickly, but she knows no want. The poor outcast is her support. Nobly does he repay the trust reposed in him.

When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. —The Standard of Bearer.

Speech of the Hon. Henry Wilson, at the New England Tuppermens Convention, at Boston, October 4, 1865.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I come not into this convention of the sons and daughters of New England, unmindful in behalf of the sacred cause of temperance, to give counsel or speech —Reluctant, however, as I am to respond to your summons, I can hardly say no, when called upon as I have been by this appeal to resolve, and those enthusiastic and generous manifestations.

You and me are to settle the question of the cause of temperance in the National Capital. I say to you—and I take pleasure in saying it that and as in the present condition of the cause of temperance in the Capital of the Republic, it is better than ever before. [Applause.] There has been no House of Representatives during the past two years more with Congress, and I have been there twenty minutes that was more prepared to vote down drunkenness with the present House of Representatives. [Applause.] I am sorry to say that the members are temperate to the common temperance of the world, and are plodding along in abstinence men. I believe the next House will be more temperate than the present. [Great applause.]

Perhaps, sir, it does not become me to speak of the Senate of the United States, but it is a matter of the utmost moment to have every good temperance man in the body. I speak of it with pleasure and sorrow, for I can say that those Senators who have been with me upon the Senate and the house upon themselves, by the habitual and excessive use of intoxicating drinks, are not to be respected manifest gentlemen, and hair the quality and grace of gentlemen. Since the rebellion the ugly monster here often disturbed us, and upon one occasion, in one of the raising rebel Senators took out his knife and cut a piece of whisky. [Applause.] It is to be hoped that returning Senators from the rebel States will leave their whiskey rations behind them. [Applause.]

Sir, I derive from my experience on the rapid of the committee of which I am one to bring gin with drunkenness—who is in the progress of the cause of temperance. [Applause.] Our most and unmistakable progress. [Applause.] Public is unequivocally condemning the practice of the senate generally reflect the public sentiment. Within the past three weeks I have travelled three thousand miles in the North West, and addressed immense open public affairs, and I see but one drunkard, and he was a man that came from the city to those meetings. [Applause.]

I am glad, [ladies] to see an immense number at Rock Island, on the banks of the Mississippi. Thousands of men in the State of Illinois, Iowa, went there—hundreds of returned heroes with their families, who were there, and during that day and evening I saw not one case of drunkenness. [Applause.] So much for the West. Three years I addressed them for prayer and temperance, and I saw at all those gatherings of thousands with one intoxicated man. [Applause.] I have been my fortunes during the past twenty five years to be myself interested in many causes, and in political assemblages and one hundreds of thousands of people, and I say to you to-day—and I say it for more encouragement—that I have not reached improvement in the country in regard to temperance, that there is less drunkenness now than formerly. [Applause.]

The reconstruction men of New England is assembled to advance the cause of temperance and to encourage the people. I have not to be a living example by being a total abstinence man and woman. [Applause.] For nearly twenty years of age I took the total abstinence pledge, and I have kept it for more than a fourth of a century. I thought when a young man, that I could be fifty years of age, I might use my influence on liquors with safety to myself and without detriment to others. I have passed that age, and I clearly see now that I cannot use intoxicating liquors as a beverage with safety to myself, without detriment to others. Yes, sir, I have also more than ever before the necessity and the duty of maintaining the obligations of a total temperance man. [Loud applause.] I see young men in public life, and I see young men in the pride of manure manhood surmounting talents, fine, generous, noble, magnificent natures, and fortunes and the hopes of kindred and friends, and I would not have upon my soul the responsibility that will be resting upon the man who helped to make me drunkenness, for all the honors of the United States. [Applause.] The supreme burden in view of those great sorrows that rest upon us in the present and the future, is the cause of intemperance—if it be a sacrifice—to put aside the cup of temperance. I have no fear but it will be a success. [Applause.]

In 1861 I went to Washington to carry petitions, signed by sixty thousand men of the Commonwealth, against the admission of Texas as a slaveholding State. John Quincy Pennsylvania whose district I resided, made a dissent party for the Union and the constitution burden on my back, the member has seen been Speaker of the House of Representatives, and I have been in the Senate, and two have been Foreign Ministers. I looked back upon that time with profound admiration and reverence. During this entertainment Mr Adams was presented with a glass of wine with him. I was embarrassed—knowing the moment of the true moral of my life; but I somehow embarrassing out—for, sir, never shall I be ashamed now." [Great applause] That answer settled the question with me, and I have never found it necessary since to utter those words, nor to fill my glass with wine or any other liquor. I have sat at the table of Governors, Senators, Foreign Ministers, Generals, Admirals and Presidents, but I have never found it necessary to decline proffered wine-cup. [Applause.] This real difficulty is with ourselves. In our social intercourse are ever around and about us. The only way to maintain temperance men is to stand inflexibly firm in his plighted faith. He who is true to his temperance pledges will receive the respect even of men who indulge in the excessive use of intoxicating drinks. [Applause.]

The holy cause of temperance must be carried into our schools, Sabbath-schools, churches, families, and wherever we are, we must be ready to defend it. [Applause.] We should have been bound out, and kicked, and cuffed and hornswhipped, and all anew been ungry, and put into prison, and run away, and then stole, because I was hungry. Oh! if I only had a mother."

The strength was all gone from the poor boy, and he sunk on his knees, sobbing great sobbing sobs, and crying the hot tears away with the sleeve of his jacket.

The woman, her self a mother, and though all her children slept under the cold sod in the churchyard, she was a mother still. She put her hand kindly on the head of the boy, and told him to look up, and said from that hour she should feel in the place of a mother. She then put her arm around the neck of her forsaken, deserted child; she pressed him to her bosom, and sweet spoke to him words of counsel and tenderness. Oh! how happy was the boy, as he looked up into her pillow! She had plucked some thorns from the path of a little sinning but striving mortal.

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M. E. Church, a hands some sound gospel Bible, for his three sons. He removed it on behalf of his congregation, said that more money is a charitable institution, as it benefits spon morality, and store itself. Substitutes in the Bible, he hoped that Masonry and religion would go together, or rather be hopeful that would be no brothers in it—no field of labor to benefit humanity.

Addresses were delivered in [illegible] Dr. Thomas Monroe and Hon. [illegible]

On Friday evening, the 20th, the [illegible] Church, the Odd Fellows of Arnspoint [illegible] Grand Lodge. The above of these [illegible] churches were present on the occasion, and many of their choicest pieces. The [illegible] Washington and the constitution [illegible] Lodge and members, and [illegible] to the earnest wishes of the Odd [illegible] Lodge extended the Church, the children [illegible]

"My Country 'tis of thee" [illegible] to the tune of America. J. N. F. [illegible] hymn. Master of ceremonies, made the [illegible] address, stating that were the Grand Order Much did he talk of Friendship, [illegible] and Truth, the three Aids which bind them together.

P. N. G. H. Bejoes, was next introduced. He may be no orator one of the most [illegible] he was an Odd Fellow. (Query: When was Noah initiated into the Order of Odd Fellows?) After relating several humorous and fabulous accounts of the antiquity of Odd Fellowship, he came down to its establishment in the United States of America, which was in the year 1844. The second Lodge established in the year 1844, was the Laity Lodge, No. 611 of Philadelphia; and he himself possessed the greatest amount of literary ability, of any Lodge in the country. He also has the honor of being a very honorable member of that Lodge. In speaking of the beneficial character of Odd Fellowship, he thinks it becomes all the ladies whose husbands are not Odd Fellows, to try to have them join the order. And young girls who have lovers, should strive to induce them to join the Order. For, said he, there is a Rich degree, to which the wives and daughters of Odd Fellows are admitted. Again, as Odd Fellowship, his wife becomes a mourner, by paying his dues.

Time and space bid me cease; and I fear too, I have trespassed too much upon your valuable space. But accept my wishes for the prosperity of your paper.

S. L. HAWKINS.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 31st, 1866.

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The undersigned Trustees and Pastor of the African M. E. Church, of Leesburg, Va., would express their most grateful thanks for the unostentatious manner said church, by the late Masonic Fraternity of expressing their love for one who, feeling the importance of the maintenance of Christianity among a long oppressed people, and not content to wish God speed, but with his well-worn to the amount of $116.00, which has been paid on the plastering of our new church edifice. While wishing to avoid the appearance of any invidious distinction, we would thus publicly acknowledge our indebtedness to Dr. Webb, Mr. Washington and M. Justice, many other donations used in obtaining the above favor, have justly won for them the praise and heart-felt gratitude of the entire church.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COLORED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

A great National Convention of the men of color who served in the late Army and Navy of the United States will be held at National Hall, Market Street above Twelfth, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 9th of January, 1867. There will be three sessions daily—morning, afternoon and evening. Able and eloquent men from all parts of the land will speak on the great questions of the day. Especially will they refer to those themes which so deeply interest colored men. Perhaps no more gifted season could have been selected for this Convention. Many important questions are, for national judgment and decision, now in the proper time for the loyal and disfranchised men of the country to appear, plead, exhort and strong appeal to the loyal and enfranchised for all their just and merited rights.

Delegates will be present from all of the Southern as well as the Northern States, and a cordial welcome is extended to the citizens of our community to attend all the Sessions of the Convention.

The Delegates will report in person or by letter to Headquarters Soldiers' and Sailors' League, Liberty Hall, Lombard Street, above Seventh.

Jan. 5—1t.

We publish this by request of brother Lynch for the better of Cleveland.—ED.

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There will be a Grand Bazaar of the Union Brethren's Educational Society, of Cleveland, Ohio, at Sterrett's Hall, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 6th and 7th, 1867.

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We feel that the work is ours, and will become much more so from time to time, and that we should be preparing our young men and women for it, that they may devolve upon them.

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I prayed for Beauty—for the magic spell
That hangs the wiles with its potent thrall,
And I within the mirror gazed full well,
And shook the forfeit in the festive hall.

I would have seen the loveliest bend the knee,
The loveliest were forbidden by my vows;
While in I long and vainly kneel—to be,
Beholden many me fondly in a row.

Oh! Beauty flee my spirit moved her wing,
If I shed no brightness on my form or face;
Glad maidens but their shadows should not fling
Upon the sheet where ours are left its trace.

My prayer, O power in heaven, hath been heard,
To least how humbly touch my beauty's song;
And he I loved as souls a flower bird,
With brightness and a wealth of love repay.

I prayed for Riches. Oh! for lavish wealth.
To pour in golden showers on those I loved
I would have all—the poor, the sick, the needy,
Could I, by gifts like these, my love have proved.
I prayed for glory, before God and men;
I might with gifts and costly tributes kneel.
And thought the treasures of Golconda's mine
Too poor to show the fervor of my soul.

Alas! wealth came not; and the liberal deeds
My hand prayed to do, my heart was fain to do,
And though ever prostrate truth my spirit bleeds,
To truth the aid of angels gold I woo.
The poor must pray for me—for daily need,
And those I love in daily want may grieve;
I still pour the sheet and the cup of kindness bleed,
But other gifts than this can ne'er be mine.

I prayed for Genius—for the power to woo
Kind hearts, and—indeed, I prayed for modesty,
To summon the desire of holy love,
And light Truth's fire upon a heathen shrine,
I prayed for Eloquence to plead the cause
Of human rights and God's eternal grace;
To cry aloud Mercy's message to the dead,
And speed the great redemption of my race.

But all in vain. My feeble tongue am breathe
No portion of the mighty love that burns
In vain my fancy vivid thoughts may weave in
In seeming heaven to vanquish darkness,
Powerless my words upon the air float by,
And wrong and folly fill me in each crowded,
While vile gleam on me in the saddest eye.

And bids me show the conquests I have made.
I prayed for Truth—for strength in love
The keen privations of my humble fate;
For patient faith to struggle with despair,
And steel a heart for woe to penetrate.
I prayed to be content with humble deeds,
Which evoke a smile, and a gentle emotion,
To fellow mortals where my duty leads,
Through all the paths of life, to the last crossing.

Which fell on her who shone the human part,
What though the world should see or know my record
It is a happier lot than a calm or fame
To do my duty with a willing mind!

Communications.

For the Christian Recorder.

IMPRESSIONS OF BROOKLYN

NUMBER I.

BY T. W. C.

The above city is separated from New York by the East River—or, more properly speaking, by an arm of the sea, long and inland found being the water—about a half mile wide.

New York boasts of its business men, but Brooklyn boasts of its church men, and this is called the City of Churches. It is an excellent chamber for New York. High, dry and healthy, pure air it never is, and the only residents of it are those of New York, in its filthy polluted. But it known to the shame of Brooklyn that is has once a prize fighter and a fare gambler in Congress.

Brooklyn Heights are famous for being the habitation of the most wealthy citizens, as is Clinton Avenue, and First and Second Places. A person can have a magnificent view of the whole City of New York City and the Bay, also from the Heights. The house which was presented to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, by his congregation, and in which he lives, is on the Heights.

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Rev. James Lynch, Editor.

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JAMES LYNCH,
Editor of Christian Recorder.

Dec. 22—3t.

HOW WE SPENT THE FIRST SABBATH IN THE NEW YEAR.

It was pretty pleasant over head, and the sun was shining, but apparently dimly. There was a slow thaw all the day long. We attended morning services at Union A. M. E church, of which Rev. R. P. Gibbs is pastor, and we are glad to say that it was a very different meeting from what we had expected to see. Bro. Gibbs informed us that it was a speaking meeting, for special prayer meeting. Ah. We read a portion of God's Word, and gave a short exhortation. The meeting was then open for persons to speak and let their hearts be known. Well, our readers may imagine the good time we all had. It was really a little heaven. God was there, in the midst of us.

In the afternoon we paid a visit to Wesley Sunday School, and Mr. Hawkeross would have us address the school. We could not spare the time long to the precious little folks, but we said something to them.

We had expected Mr. Jones, of the Presbyterian Sunday School, to be with them on the same day, therefore, we had to leave, and go up to the church, and we did not have to go far.

In the evening we paid a visit to Wesley Day

This Circle shall be known as the Leslie Sewing Circle of Chillicothe A. M. E. Church, for the purpose of assisting our ministers

The following officers were nominated and elected: President, Mrs. Emilius Hubbard; Vice President, Mrs Lucy Hill; Secretary, Mrs Hettie Hill; Corresponding Secretary, Wyett Stewart; Treasurer, J W Robinson After the election of officers, the meeting adjourned to meet at Mrs. Emilius Hubbard's residence

The ladies are working with the greatest energy, hope to make up some generous and collerbage for the festival which is to take place on Christmas eve and night I wish them success and prosperity

I am full of business, as I have written enough I hope you will oblige me by inserting this small item in your valuable paper, and I will try and send you some subscribers.

Allow me to subscribe myself,

CAPT. LEVIN W. TILGMAN, U. S. A

Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec 15th, 1866

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM INDIANA

MR. EDITOR:—Please insert the following in your excellent paper

Soon after my appointment, I hastened to my charge, which I found in great confusion by the devices of this place. I saw that the dignity and usefulness of the church depended essentially upon a reconstruction, but I have found that this cannot be effected, as I have published, yet, I feel that my labors have not been altogether fruitless

The spiritual condition of the members of this charge is better than would be expected under the circumstances.

Owing to the expenses of our contemplated Church building, we found it a little difficult in most all our intentional expenses

I deem it but under all of the embarrassments the members and friends of the "old charge" manifest a disposition to do the best they can for their pastor; which the young ladies and gentlemen have actively shown by the concert given on last week in session of last month especially for my benefit. The net proceeds of which was presented to me, on behalf of the committee by Miss Sarah Hubbard as a "Christmas present" May the Lord bless them!

Rev. L. Evans,

Fallen-pole, Ind., Dec. 3d, 1867.

For the Christian Recorder

CORRECTION

MR. EDITOR:—You will please make the following corrections, and thereby oblige the undersigned:—

In the report from your very able correspondent at Annapolis, he states that I N F, J W Brown, addressed the audience. It was P. N. F. He also stated that I said that Nimrod was an Odd Fellow, and asks the question, "Was it so." Nimrod initiated a member of that order?" I stated this on the testimony of a Swedenian in 1860. He represented Odd Fellowship to have originated among the Roman soldiers during the days of D. D. Now, Mr. Corresponding hope, Mr. Editor, that this will be a sufficient hope, Mr. your correspondent.

He will perceive that Nimrod's name was not mentioned in my address to the Order at Annapolis on the evening of Dec. 28.

Yours respectfully,

JAMAN W. BROWN.

A STARLESS CROWN.

Some time upon dying sons made the sad confession that, though for many years a professor of religion, he could not recall a single soul led to Christ through his instrumentality. This thought spread unutterable gloom over his last hours. "I have," said he, "to be saved through the infinite grace of Christ, and I hope to see a crown, but it will be a starless crown."

Reader, as you enter the years that are past, what, in the respect, is the testimony of your pas life? If yourself a Christian, have you ever made a personal effort to lead some perishing sinner to Christ? In the beginning of your Christian when we are most to plan new ways of usefulness, and encourage others to higher and holier methods of living, let it be pre-eminently the great purpose of every Christian to make personal, spiritual effort for the salvation of the world.

The divine method of evangelizing the world is to deal with individuals. Be sure we shape our working by this principle. When Andrew found Christ the first impulse of his heart was to speak to Simon his brother, and bring him to Jesus. This was natural, spontaneous, practical working of every renewed soul. And following this new born impulse, where should you begin to work? Is not the step every instinct of natural affection? What and where is the healed demoniac of Gadara? "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." You, begin at home, speak to those about Christ who are nearest your heart, and those you can reach the last. God may be said to have parcelled out mankind into concentric circles, and our duty is to go round the inner circle, before we pass to the outer. First, speak to the dear ones at home of their souls and of God and then, following the natural laws of Christian philanthropy, seek to those in your circle of friends, next reaching the spirit of personal application, and apostolic zeal, your heart shall kindle with holy zeal, and enthusiasm for the salvation of the whole world.

Will you, Christian reader, form the holy purpose of saving to each soul that you pray for leading that soul to Christ? Will you, by personal effort, and special prayer, seek to accomplish a work so essential in its issues so grand and glorious? "Let him know that he who converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The Lord has most signally owned and blessed the personal prayer in the conversion of individual souls. Harlan Page once stopped a young man in the street on a winter night, and urged upon him to flee to Jesus. That young man is now a successful minister in the Presbyterian Church, and looks back to that memorable night as the crisis of his spiritual life. The pastor of one of the largest congregations in a neighboring city relates that when a careless young man a friend invited to the pew of his church, and with solemn tenderness uttered in his ear the word *Believe*, and then left him. That word was blessed to his salvation. The same minister says that a member of his church met an acquaintance on his way to New York and urged him to seek the Lord while He might be found. A short time after this interview the young man was in a religious meeting, and stated that those few earnest words had brought him to Christ But we need not multiply instances Most wonderfully has God recognized and blessed the method of doing good to Brother have you ever tried to lead a soul to Christ? Have you reason to believe there is one soul now in heaven through your instrumentality? Are you willing to have a Stephen Crown? Indeed impossible to reach every heart and conscience, and stimulate every Christian to the aim and effort of saving at least one soul this year. There are more than five millions of Christians in America, and if every individual believer should live and pray, and work on this plan, and in this way how vast would be the results! Three hundred and thirty-five millions of mankind now number the Christians of the world! They have all the resources of earth, every science, and nearly all the resources of strength in the world. Already they stoop the record north to their utmost southern limit. It only remains for them to lift it up and lay it upon the bosom of the Lord.

UNION AND PRAYER.

We are on in the midst of the consecrated week of prayer There is something expansive and morally sublime to the mere conception of such a world-wide union of all Christians, for the same end! We seem encompassed with a holy atmosphere We feel uplifted into higher spheres of thought, and mode of the things that we mingle with our Christian brethren of every name in these great union meetings of prayer for the conversion of the world, and find our hearts in sweet sympathy with the whole church of Christ on earth, 'tis like a little heaven below.'

As we stand on the better platform of Christian union, how puerile and almost contemptible seem the little jealousies and low ambitions of a narrow and exclusive denominationalism. How such a fiction of believing souls, such heart-throbs of Christian sympathy, such vital oceans among all the true disciples of the Saviour, have proclaimed so feel the gathering of that prayer of Jesus for Christians" that they all may be one; that the world may believe that the Father hath sent him" How intensely did his pure and loving heart yearn for the unity of believers! Behold him alone in his garden and the cross, and yet in the still night air, under the silent stars, this is the burden of his prayer! What a depth and fervency of human and yet divine affection breathe in his cry to the Father, that all his disciples might be one, that the world might believe and be saved. And surely there can be no greater consumption of the Christian mind, nor any dearer aspiration to the Christian heart, than that all true Christians may be one; one in spirit, one in heart, one in combination against sin, and one in active co-working for the renovation of the world. Then shall the truth of God prevail, and His kingdom come; that kingdom which is right economies and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Does the mind ought to say of our readers a vague anticipation—a grand but empty dream? No, reader, it is not. When we see the union of all Christians, in this week of prayer, when we see angels in those meetings, and feel in all the pulses of our hears, this spiritual unity, we have the earnest of the blessed time when all Christians shall be one, and Christ's kingdom shall come so power and great glory. Let us hold to this bright hope, for it requires but a small additional effort to realize. We know not when the Divine Spirit may come, or of old, in power, and fill all our churches with His blessing, and all our hearts with His strength Let us unite wah our Christian brethren, in prayer to God, that He may come and not carry—even so, come, Lord Jesus!

BAD LUCK.—There are many persons with whom fortune has dealt rather harshly, according to their account, and who constantly bemoan their unaspicious fate, attributing all their misfortunes to bad luck and unnecessary to their folly. To all such we commend the following advice from one of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's lectures to Young Men

I say here, as well as any where, expect the secret of good and bad luck. There are many who supposing Providence to have an implacable spite against them, bemoan the power of their work-shed old age the misfortunes of their lives. Luck, forever run against them and for others. One, with a good profession, lost his luck in the river, where he idled away time in fishing when he should have been in his office. Another, with a good trade, persistently threw up his luck by his first temper, which provoked his employer to turn him. Another, with fortunate business, lost his luck by wasting influence in time and by his uneasiness. Another, who steadily followed his trade, so successfully followed his bottle, that he who honest and constant at his work, acted with perpetual negligence; he looked downcast. Bloodreds lose their luck endeavoring by unscrupulous speculation, by trusting fraudulent men, and by dishonest gains A man never has good luck who has a bad will. I never knew an early rising, hard working, prudent man complain of bad luck. A good character, good habits, and good industry are impregnable to the assaults of all the ill luck that fools ever dreamed of. He who is a tatterdemalion, creeping out of a grocery, late in the afternoon, with his head and with his pockets, the sun of his has turned up and the world has knocked in. I know he has bad luck, for the sum of all luck is to be a sluggard, a knave, or a tippler."

BENEFITS OF PRINTING.—The Boston *Mercantile Journal* quotes the following from the *Georgia Review* for April, 1820, as one of the many instances in the whole range of English literature The subject treated of is the benefit of printing:

"When Tamerlane had finished building his pyramids of seventy thousand human skulls, and was seen standing at the gate of Damascus, glittering with steel, with his battle-axe on his shoulder, till Seven heads fled to a new world, and exemplify that pale-as-ladies might have finished that nature was to be destroyed, for his sword and despair had taken possession of the earth. All the race of mankind seemed retiring in one cry of blood. Yet it might be on that very pale-day of Damascus, a little boy was playing with the sand in the streets of Mecca, whose history was more important to the world than Tamerlane's. That Tartar Khan, with his savage demons of the still air, passed away like the whirlwind, to be forgotten forever; and the German student has wrought a benefit which is yet immeasurably extending itself, and will continue to do so, even through all centuries and all time What are the conquests and expeditions of the whole corporations of captains, from Walter Pannilon to Napoleon Bonaparte, compared with the moveable types of Johannes Faust!"

Let us not go sleeping, groaning,
Underneath our load of care.
There's a better way in heaven,
There's a better way in prayer
We are pilgrims travelling homeward,
Only pilgrims on our way.
Surely we should make one going
Just as righteous as we may.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Quarterly Meeting will be held at Harrisonburg, Va., on Sunday, January the 27th, 1867

H J. Brooks,
Minister in charge

Jan. 12—1t.

NOTICE

The third Quarterly Meeting of the A M E Macedonia Church, Spruce street, South Camden, N. J., will be held next Sunday the 13th inst. Come One! Come All!

Geo. E. Bowen,
Pastor

Jan 12th, 1t

NOTICE

A Quarterly Meeting of the Bethel A M E Church, south Sixth street, Philadelphia, will be held on the 27th inst.

The Quarterly Conference will have also on the 22nd, at 7 o'clock P M

James Holmes,
Pastor

NOTICE

A Quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. Church will be held on Sunday the 20th inst, at which time Rev. C. C. Hoge will preach at 3 o'clock, and Rev. R. Weaver, at 7 in the evening.

Wm M. Watkins,
Minister.

Jan. 12th—2t.

NOTICE

There will be a Bible presented to Covenant Lodge, No. 826 G. U. O. of O. F., on Thursday evening, January 17th, 1867, at Union Baptist Church, Minister street; The Order in General are invited to attend to regalia. The Rev James Catherbon will deliver an address, and preached the Bible in behalf of the ladies, and it will be received by the Rev. Stephen Smith for the Lodge. The public are invited

P S There will be a table of choice refreshments in the basement. The members of the Order are requested to meet in the basement at 7 o'clock Admission free

Jan. 12th—1t

NOTICE.

A Quarterly meeting will be held at the Union A. M. E. Church, Canal street below Pine, on the third Sabbath in January (20th) 1867.

Richard P. Gibbs
Pastor.

Jan. 12th—2t.

ATTENTION! HEAD!

HORSEBACK COLORING THE COLORED PEOPLE AT LAUGHTOWN, IN CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Having purchased a tract of land on the Hollowdaid Turnpike and Atlantic Railroad, 13 miles from Camden, I propose to sell it to the colored people in lots of 20 by 100 feet. There is 568 lots in all. On the following conditions:—The price of a lot is $75, to be paid in weekly instalments of $1. The purchaser has the privilege of putting up a house to please himself, there being no restrictions whatever Now is the time for colored men to become freeholders as all such will be allowed to vote in a short time

Persons wishing more information can receive a circular at my office, 206 North Second street above Race; or at my country seat at Rowandtown, Camden Co., New Jersey. Those desirous of visiting these grounds can do so at a cost of 5 cents, on the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, taking the train at Market street, every day, stopping at Daroota Station, which is within the land. I would further say, that this is no company business, I being the sole proprietor, and it is entirely for the benefit of the colored people; and to show them so much opposed in them that is only requires industry and economy management to make man of you as well as good citizens

De L. N Hobbsbach,
206 N Second St. above Race
Dec. 29 2t Philadelphia

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The Quarterly Meetings of the West Philadelphia Circuit will be held as follows —

West Philadelphia, Sunday, January 13th, 1867.

Norristown, Pa., Sunday, January 20th, 1867

H. J. Brooks,
Minister in Charge.

Jan. 5—2t.

SPECIAL NOTICE

BISHOP WAYMAN'S APPOINTMENTS

December

Sunday, December 30th, (special collection,) Wesley church, Phila.

Monday night, Dec. 31st, Chester, Pa

January

Tuesday night, January 1st, Bohemia Manor, Maryland

Wednesday night, January 2d, Port Deposit, Maryland

Sunday morning, January 6th, Union Bethel, Washington, D C

Sunday afternoon, Jan 6th, St Paul's Chapel, Washington, D C

Sunday night, January 6th, Israel church, Washington, D C

Monday night, January 7th, Ebenezer church, Washington, D C

Having visited nearly all the circuits and stations within the bounds of the Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore Conferences, (which I found on the most prosperous condition,) I shall now go into some quarters for a few weeks, and then I shall spend some time in Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia

As notice will be spared to accommodate the grocers and make their way pleasant.

dec 8—3m

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July 7—1y.

INFORMATION WANTED

Information wanted of my mother, Harriet Jones When last heard of she was in Madison, Florida, living with Oscar Jones, her master; and also of two brothers, Squire and Joe, and my sister Edwin Lynn sold by Cy Robertson to Lewis Schofield, of Atlanta, Ga Any information may be respectfully received by

William Schofield,
Care of Mrs. Rachel Shorter,
Newark, Ohio.

Ministers in the South will please read this notice to their congregations

Dec 15—2m

INFORMATION WANTED

Of the girls, named Mary and Matilda Russell Mary was sold from Mrs Freeman's estate, to John G. Parkey, and taken to some part of the South; and Matilda was sold to Maj Russell, of Williamson Co., Tenn. Their mother, Mrs Lucy Haswell, will be thankful for any information concerning them Address

James J Mays,
P O Box 1071 Richmond, Virginia
jans 3d—6mo

Married,

On the 25th of December, 1866, by Rev. W H W Winder, Mr James Kingsford to Miss Ellen Hall, both of Morrisiowe, N. J.

By the same, January 3d, 1867, Mr Wm. J Cumberlang, to Mrs Caroline Furman, both of Morrisiowe, N. J.

Obituary.

On December 29th, 1866, Br Benjamin Quash, aged 42 years, 8 months and 18 days.

For seven years he suffered affliction calmly, and finally departed this life, in the triumphant faith of his hope of Heaven, and invitibg his friends to meet him there

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Jan 1 1867—1y

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oct 6—3m

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Has been in supply write or order Vermifuge. The combination is the best remedy of the present Dr. McLane's celebrated Vermifuge, they may frequently get one or either of the many worthless preparations that are imposed upon them by persons who have no knowledge here to rely upon the genuine the propriety and merits of Dr. McLane's Vermifuge. Dr. McLane's Liver Pills and Vermifuge are Liver Preparations, and will be found to be the best remedies for Dyspepsia. This is truly a liver complaint.

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In offering to the public Dr McLane's Celebrated Liver Pills, as a remedy for Liver and Bilious Complaints, we promise no specious humbug to the afflicted, but a medicine universally acknowledged by those who have used them throughout the United States, and peculiarly in the Southern and South, where, in the majority of cases, the patient is not within the reach of a regular physician, requires that a medicine should be at hand, which can be relied on, and one that will not injure the system when taken according to the directions. Such is the true character of Dr McLane's Liver Pills, and such we claim for them. That we have a remedy which other disease, and more effectually attended their use, will be the verdict of those who use them. Purely vegetable, containing no mercury, they may be taken by the most delicate female or child without producing salivation, or any injurious effect whatever. They have been used in all climates, and in every quarter of the United States, and in Canada, and the result has been, in every respect, invariable, as well themselves as to the many certificates of cures performed that have reached them.

Dr McLane's LIVER PILLS are not held forth or recommended as a cure all, but as a remedy for diseases of the liver, and for such they are safe, but simply for Liver Complaints, and Bilious Diseases, for which they are a reliable cure of their organs.

Diseases of the Liver.

The LIVER is much more frequently the seat of disease than is generally supposed. The liver is the largest organ in the system, and on the regular performance of which depends the health, both of body and mind. More than one fifth part of the blood, both of body and mind. More than one fifth part of the blood which circulates through the whole system, passes through the liver to cleanse it from certain elements which are unfit for the purposes of life, and which, if left in the blood, would cause disease and death. The liver is the great laboratory of the body, but so serious a portion, that any other organ may become deranged, and yet the health not materially affected, but if the liver is deranged, the whole system suffers. Hence arises the importance of keeping the liver in a healthy condition, and this is the great object for which Dr McLane's Liver Pills were compounded. They are purely vegetable, containing no mercury, or any other injurious drug whatever, and may be taken by the most delicate female or child without producing salivation, or any injurious effect whatever. They have been used in all climates, and in every quarter of the United States, and in Canada, and the result has been, in every respect, invariable, as well themselves as to the many certificates of cures performed that have reached them.

Symptoms of a Diseased Liver.

Pain in the right side, under the edge of the ribs, increasing on pressure; sometimes the pain is in the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder blade, and sometimes extends to the top of the shoulder, and sometimes acute pain in the extremities in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness. The bowels in general are costive, sometimes alternating with slight looseness; the head is affected with pain, accompanied with dizziness, and in the back part. There is frequently a dull, heavy sensation in the back part, sometimes amounting to pain. A dull, heavy pain between the shoulders, which ought to have been mentioned as a symptom of the disease, but which is one of the most frequent complaints of weariness and debility. It is nearly exercised, sometimes the patient will complain of cold feet, a prickly sensation over the whole surface of the skin, although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, he does not feel like taking it. Sometimes the patient is troubled with a dry cough, which is often mistaken for that of consumption. Several of the above symptoms attend the disease of DORUM'S PILLS, but not always. In fact, it rarely occurs that all of them are exercised.

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Take two or three pills, going to bed, every second or third night, as the case requires, and take a dose of salts the next morning, take one or two more. Get a slight breakfast about 2 hours after taking the salts. Dr McLane Pills may be used always keeping supply is necessary. As an aid to them in the cure of Fever and Ague, Dr McLane's Liver Pills have also given an excellent relief in Rush Rheumatism, Gout, Erysipelas, Jaundice, &c.

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POETRY

THE OTHER WORLD.

BY MRS HARRIET BRECHER STOWA

It lies around us like a cloud—
A world we do not see.
Yet the same closing of an eye
May bring us there to be

Its gentle heavens are not clouds
And our worldly eyes
Its gentle voices whisper love,
And quell all our prayers

Its sad hearts around us throb and beat,
Sweet helping hands are stirred,
And pulsing at the wrist are seen
With breathings almost heard

The silences, as dal, sweet and calm,
They bless us even in book
For to our souls we are for them
To utter or partake

So this, so soft, so sweet, this gift,
So near to pass from seen—
They seem in left as in our rest,
And walk into our dream.

And up the hush of rest they bring,
The easy now to see,
How lovely and how sweet a pass
The hour of death may be

To close the eye and close the ear,
Wrapped in a cream of bliss,
And gently drawn in loving arms
To sa—on in that—from this.

Scarce knowing of we wake or sleep,
Scarce asking where we are;
To feel all will shall away,
All sorrow and all care.

Sweet souls around us! watch us still,
From nearer to our side.
Into our thoughts, into our prayers
With gentle helpings glide

Let clouds between us be as nought,
A divided and vanished scream!
Your joy to the reality,
Our suffering life the dream.

The Family.

NEVER CAST SHADOWS, CHILDREN.

Memory carries me back to the days of my schoolhood, when, without one thought of to-morrow I swung in life's pathway in happiness —"The memory bells of these by-gone days now strike a golden chord, and my heart beats in unison with their music.

The recollection of one particular passage in my childhood's home lingers in my heart to this day: In 1857 my father moved his family to a beautiful village; it would prove a pleasant location.

Happy days were passed there until my eldest brother was stricken down by the hand of disease; a few days of pain and suffering, and he left us for heaven. On second Sunday after his death we laid him to rest, we were all gathered in my mother's room, for my father read, "The shadows we cast." I was standing near my mother, and he had just finished reading this sentence:

"A word, a look, a tone, as act, will cast a shadow and awaken a spirit for heaven and days Speak kindly be forgotten of self, and mindful of others, and you will cast but few shadows along the paths of life."

My mother stretched out her arms and drew me to her breast, saying: "My son, you will never cast a shadow across thy mother's heart?"—Shall these words be forgotten? No; never. They shall be a chord connecting the wearisome days of sunshine with the past, the sweet forgotten, time of happy childhood.

And, oh! years, you have separated from each other, I received a letter which said:

"Right years to-day, my dear son, your little heart was weary with anguish at my death, while you was the sustenance of my younger brother's death; and you, too, who tried to comfort me in sorrow and affliction. You were always a good boy, and even then you had a heart to grieve at my pain. was always a source of anguish to you. God bless and keep you, my dear son."

When grey hairs shall have warned me that age is creeping over my now young and active frame, then shall your letter make manner to my heart.

And when death shall find me within the family around me, the thought of her who entered them, shall make the heart warm, until the "golden chord is snapped," and we meet in heaven.

Children, cherish towards your parents a pure love and respect, and never do any thing which you can avoid that would give them pain; and of the years are passed, and perhaps your mother or father's voice is heard no more, and their tender smile of love is gone, you can look back and say, I tried to require their love and care by my obedience and tenderness.

A PRECIOUS HYMN.

Some time in the year 1736, Edward, the child of many prayers—now a youth of 18—had been brought by God to a saving knowledge of himself was led to trust in Christ. The exuberance of his conversion had been made by the pastor and elders of the church, who were all satisfied. The Sabbath was coming when that youth was to stand before a large congregation and avow his faith in Christ. His soul was much agitated, and Satan was busy with suggestions. The young man betook himself to earnest prayer that the God of Jacob would strengthen him. Before he had steadily hear his testimony for that dear Friend who had borne him with his blood.

Just before the services began, while the pastor was looking for a hymn, an aged servant of Christ arose and gave out that well known hymn of Dr. Watts:

"When sinners cities I resign,
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine.
I shall be by Heaven have,
And shout forever in right ousness."

This was sung by the whole congregation; the young man's fears all left him, he was filled with unutterable joy, and that he could bear his testimony for Christ before *all the world*.

That hymn has been precious to him during the past 30 years, and it is now sung in heaven by constantly bearing his testimony for Jesus His heirs all the time that he has testified for him is borne in the Sunday-school. During the late war he commenced a large and labored work in the ranks of the Christian Commission.

A lad of fourteen, curse of a hymn, or a sweet song of Zion, often proves to the weary and timid Christian, like the spring of noon in the desert which animated and inspired Meagar Park. Let Christians often speak in psalms and hymn, and spiritual songs, on the pilgrimage of life

HOW WE ACT, NOT HOW WE LOOK.

"O Tommy what a funny little woman! come and see!" cried Sally. Bobby, as he stood at the window of his father's house, in a quiet village in town. Tommy ran to the window and looked out, and there saw his mother's new bonnet. It was indeed a figure sight to see. In the midst of a pelting rain, through mud and running water, there waddled along the quietest, quaintest little redpolly figure you can imagine. It was a dowdy woman, who, though no taller than a child of seven or eight years, wore an enormous bonnet, and carried an overgrown umbrella. Her clothes were tucked up about her in a queer way, and altogether she was a very laugh at-able creature.

As she passed, she looked up, and such an odd face as she had! The nose was large and long, as though it had kept on growing after the other features gave out. Indeed it was so long that the eyes had got into it way—looking, as it constantly did, which did not improve their appearance. Its hair was bushy, and at a hasty and first the on-lift was quite sweet and good-humored and the little eyes looked a merry, kindly twinkle in them.

"Well," said Harry, "I did were such an absurd looking boy as that I wouldn't do so myself. I'd hide by day, and only come out by night, like an owl," warded Uncle Tom.

Yes "said the little boy and thus added: "And I could make her Harry."

Why, too, he finds what there is and how I suppose but it was such the whole to go on with her."

Harry Harry. said the mother of the little boy, "you must not talk so of your mother. That poor little simpleton has—if nobody else in the world, and she is a good deal of good, for has a kind heart, and she looks as though she had."

I should like to know of what use such a poor wee thing can be," said Harry, shrugging his shoulders.

"God knows," said Mrs Wilde and he did not make her in vain."

The next day was Christmas The rain was over, and it was cold and bleak.

"Hurrah!" said Harry from the window, "here's our new bonnet woman, and I hear her as fiery as ever. I wonder the sun didn't put it out. She might warm herself by it, if it were not for carrying that big basket."

Mrs Wilde, hearing Harry for his thoughts into speech, looked out. The dwarf was trudging slowly along bearing a heavy basket. The good lady was seized with a strong desire to know more about the strange little creature: so she hurried to her room, put on a bonnet and cloak, went out and followed after her quietly. She had to go on a long way before the dwarf was satisfied, but at last she saw the dwarf enter a miserable house. In this house the dwarf lived. It was a poor, ugly in a window, and ventured to look in.

She saw the dwarf surrounded by a crowd of shouting children, who were clapping their hands, as new cake, toys, and clothes from her basket. She saw her give them to the children, and saw the joy on who lay on a bed in a corner She heard her say, Have the cake now?" and the woman answered, "Yes, and the blankets. God bless you!" She saw her take up the baby, feed it, and play with it—so long a baby that Mrs. Wilde thought it ought to take turns in tending with the good little dwarf.

Then the lady turned away in tears, and went home. When she had told Harry what she had seen, he blushed deeply, and Tommy said: "God knew better than he did that the little ugly little woman was good for, didn't He?"—*Grace Greenwood's Stories of Many Lands.*

NIGHTFALL.

Now and twilight round the sea,
Lo, another day is gone.
Now while the night-winds soft,
Rise and grey's shadows fall,
Then the sun's last beam
Flurry the mountains vast and dim
In the embrace of watching thou
And the silent stars come.

Now the shadows fall for us.
Lone my rose and mother be
And no fitful sunset glow
Narrowly nourishes slumber dim
Peace, dearest, peace to you
Faith in Jesus is perfect rest
Faith in Jesus is on thine,
Till the eternal morning—*Aiken Dean Procter*

REMEMBRANCE OF DR. WATLAND.

I was a freethinker. I read Rousseau and Lord Byron, and believed in them. Religion I judged of by the long, sermonized prayers and service books of some illiberal bigots, whom I hated orthodoxy as I now and heard it from the consistent and humble, but simple-minded. I read and I came to consider every one professing it as either a knave or a fool.

In this mental status I took my seat in the house room of Dr. Wayland. He was then the young questions and the functions of the mental sense. His course of argumentation was so lucid and clear that I soon began to listen. I began to question, to argue, to present objections in order to draw him from his position. In the like discussing up the waters of the Nile with labrador. He, with his skiff, kept with the general current, while, quite contrabanded, I was compelled to row against the stream. He like discussed; I was that I was a miserable sneer, and nothing but a miserable sneer, in the sight of an Infinite God.

I want to my room to pray; my knees were bowed before the throne of grace, and my heart was one. When must I do to escape the wrath of the almighty? His response to my heart was the everlasting Light.

I arose and went into the presence of Dr. Wayland. He was in his study, reading his old, well-worn copy of the Sacred Word. He received me kindly, and I at once made known to him the anguish of my soul. I felt and said: "My sins are more and greater than can be forgiven me—my guilty, the eloquence of the tears. "When he was not a great view of his father saw him, and had compassion on him, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him

I felt that the one was mine, and Hope, reviving Hope arose winging then her joyous flight to me, to gild my clouding through the obscurity of transitory state

Dr. Wayland then knelt down and prayed with me and for me, and on leaving him he lent me a New Testament and Bishop Watson's work on *Private*, saying me to read that and Edwards' Life of Brainerd," instead of Byron, and

I left the house of my friend with an in my heart.

I never know till that moment to be forgotten night, the full meaning of that great Scottish word,—*Providence*. I never knew Jesus Christ before.

MEMORIZING IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Bible ought to be the great text-book in our Sunday-schools. It is the great source of all. It had no more rising the very language of scripture, and a great deal of the work ought to be done. If words are the families by which we and hold ideas where will we find the right words more surely than in the Bible language itself? The language of Scripture is clearer and better than any other, because it is inspired and the manner which them to embody the same truth. Take, therefore, it has an authority over them in that it comes with authority.—Thus saith the Lord." With all the Bible memorized we have a general subject of creeds and catechisms we prepared. And the *conduct of the Lesson* will agree in the following conclusions:

1. Every scholar in our Sunday-schools ought to have a Bible of his own.

The Decalogue is God's idea of the pure, the just and the right. It will never be obsolete its all justice and holiness cease to be of value in his sight. The Bible Christian will love and honor the law and seek to conform his inner and outer life to its standard. These ten commandments make a complete code of morals, and they should be very familiar to our ears and our lips. In the hours of temptation they will be a light to the feet and a staff to lean upon. Every child ought to learn it and it should speak from the heart and mind, as if God spoke from the mount. Every Sunday-school should have it said in Sunday-school instructions, that schools can be found where not one in ten of the scholars is able to repeat the Decalogue correctly. Surely these things ought not to be so.

2. Every child ought to learn the Lord's Prayer.

How often it ought to be embodied in our devotions may be a matter in regard to which one differ in opinion, but we doubt not that one recitation will serve upon its value as a model of prayer in giving it to his disciples, Christ said, After this manner pray ye," and we enter the lecture-room with the pattern which we are commanded to copy. If we take the language at least in the general tenor and spirit of it

Let every scholar learn the Sermon on the Mount

Which is one to find, in the same space, so much that it behoves us to know and practice, as in these three chapters of Matthew's Gospel. Every scholar should be familiar with every precept, every address every parable contained in it that we may study them together and which Christ spoke and the beginning and not build upon the same as did the foolish man of whom He speaks at the end of His discourse.—*Mrs. D. Avery.*

"ONLY A LITTLE BROOK."

A simple but very touching incident has been told me as says the writer, and it is here presented with the less moments of a beautiful girl in Bath, whose light died at the early age of 18. A little while before she died, as the sorrowing friends stood around her watching the last moments of the gentle sufferer, she said to her mother, "Mother, I am quite glad the brooms swam over from broken words, but the dearest with unstained dread from the sin known was that was opening for her.

She had reached the borders of the mysterious river which separates us from the dim hereafter, and her feet first seemed to hesitate and fear to stem the flood. But after a time her fears subsided, she grew calm and seemed to talk about the long dark way, till at the very last she bright and very suddenly, a smile of confidence and gladness overspread her countenance, and she said in a little brook!" and so passed over to the heavenly home.

THE FOUNDERS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Seated on a throne which was already shaking beneath him, and which he was endeavoring to overthrow, and reanime, like a warm guessing at his side, King Charles the Second, surrounded by his lascivious bishops." "I made me great works—houses whose ruins even dead I kept not from them—so we have great books that the world will not let die." He looked on all the watchful my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored for. They behold all was vanity and vexation of spirit. There was no profit under the sun." While other feelings the founders of Sunday-schools bend from heaven to look on the result of their hands. As they look down from their thrones on the millions of little children gathered, bright and happy, every Sunday, into these schools, and as they listen to catch the hymns of their young voices floating up to heaven, the sister with the angels of the earth, and as they see many an opening flower bathed with the dews of love, and tenderly plucked from these nurseries of a stormy world to bloom out in the presence of God, how, even in right to envy any, might the greatest of earth's great ones envy them.

A NEW GEOLOGICAL THEORY.

We are occasionally reminded, when some new geological theory is confidently proposed, that every old hypothesis abandoned, that the questions at issue between science and revelation cannot now reach a final settlement. Before such a result can be obtained, science must be more fully known, and establish as claims and belief beyond all reasonable doubt. At present, geology is prepared to set aside the teachings of Moses, and to declare from the fact that a new theory of the structure of the earth has been published by an English geologist, which, if accepted, must lead to a reconstruction of the whole fifteen pages of geological science.

A Mr. Evan Hopkins has published a volume on Geology and Terrestrial Magnetism, in which he combines supposed facts in electricity and igneous theories of Werner and Hutton, and denies that the strata in the earth's crust have been formed one after the other by aqueous deposition, and slowly melting and hardening through the agency of internal heat. He believes in a succession of cataclysms, by which sudden and great changes have been effected in the earth's surface.

The theory which he maintains to be more consistent with known facts is, that chemical and magnetic forces have been the great agencies in all terrestrial changes; that by ordered, not by convulsive forces, the crystalline and other stratified rocks and the mineral veins have been formed. The agents which have effected the primary fusion of the rocks must be due to magnetic instead of chemical forces. For they are formed in great fluid beds which are vertical instead of horizontal. This density of the rocks are impulsion and complicated. Great changes are now in progress in the earth's bosom through an electro-magnetic process, and these are the causes of earthquake and volcanic action. The earth he regards as a great magnetic globe, in which the ocean serves as a primary momentum, keeping the crust in a constant state of electro-magnetic tension. Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are ever active in a history which has proved pulsations between its poles, so these currents are ever working with prodigious power through the crust of the earth, between the north and south poles. The north pole is the great absorbing basin, in which the process of decomposition is carried on while at the south pole the process of reproduction goes on with equal regularity and energy.

Upon these theories, briefly stated, is to conflict with the prevailing views on the method of formation of the earth's crust. It is yet more radical in its denial of the truth of the history that the successive formations were made Geologists have long been accustomed to look on the strata as deposited in an age too remote for human arithmetic to reach. But Mr. Hopkins does not admit a question of time at all but simply of locomotion. He believes that the whole globe was in succession put into the south pole, as the reproducing source of action. In other words, he declares that the present vegetable and animal forms are going on eternally, and the character of the fossils depends on the relation of any part of the earth's surface He asserts that in the antarctic regions the tropical vegetation is now in progress itself, in the south temperate zone the carboniferous vegetation, to the south limits of the tropics and in the north tropical the cretaceous, and in the north temperate the tertiary.

We are not competent to try the science, and do not assume to give judgment on a theory which, if true, would be revolutionary in the highest degree by great and honored name. We only allude to it because it is a fact that scholars that a rule is modestly will not be embarrassing on their part, in the intelligence of the teachings of Moses until the fundamental positions of geology are tested and proved, and in the mean time our text-book schools, teaching both the method and the time of formation of the earth's crust are adjusted to the Mosaic account in spite of all the theories of revelation. God's Word and God's works will not contradict each other, but the interpretations of the latter may need amendation even more than the former.—*Watchman and Reflector.*

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION.

Archbishop Usher computed that the earth was called into being on Sunday, the 23d of the month, 4,004 years ago, and was completed in its organization on the Friday following. Mr. Phillips, the Professor of Geology at Oxford, informs us that the rocks which compose the earth's crust are in different states, that the beds of coal, sandstone of magnesian limestone, of the Welds, occupied five hundred thousand years in their accumulation, and that the granite rocks must have been at least in Sunday's bed instruments, that schools can be found where not one in ten of the scholars is able to repeat the Decalogue correctly. Surely these things ought not to be so.

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Oh! thou most holy and holy one,
I ask of thee,
Direct me in the narrow path
And from what to flee.

Be thou my guide where'er I be,
Unto my request give heed,
That I may be thy follower,
And in paths tread.

Teach me to shun all wickedness,
And from temptations flee,
That I can boast my bosom's ease,
In reverence in thee.

Thus Oh, I ask of thee—save more,
Draw nearer my heart.
Assimilate me unto thee—
In all things that thou art.

Oh! do then cleanse my sin-sick soul,
From vile corruption's stain,
So, when mortality shall cease,
A home in heaven I'll gain.

PETER GERARD.

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LETTER FROM HANNIBAL.

Mr. Editor.—Again we have recourse to epistolary correspondence, hoping much that you thought as we have come to hand during the holiday season, which has just concluded with an amazing round of festivities, gloriously substituting to morbid sentimentalists.

We bid adieu to the old year with a feeling of sadness, though we recollect the many pleasures we have made toward that standard we as earnestly long to reach; but as work, and not talk, is the motto for the coming year, we will bank those our thoughts, and wish you a happy New Year, with a large accession to your subscription list. Now for some items.

The Fall Term of Avery College closed on the 21st ult., with the usual literary exercises. Among the pupils were Misses Anna Gibbs, Nellie Mattie Owens, Magnis Cohn, Linnie Gibson, and Mollie Tarpin, and Mr. Murray S. Barker. The former acquitted herself in a creditable manner, and a movement has been set on foot, which will, if carried into execution, result in something of material value to the uneducated classes of this community.

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The invitation of the Wylie Street Sabbath School were agreeably entertained with an address from the Rev. J. P. Underwood, on the "Benefits of Sabbath Schools." The record of re-union on the 1st inst. A large number of teachers were present, and constituted much to the enjoyment of the little folks. The record of the school for the past year is a bright one, and continued successes are anticipated.

The Anniversary of the Union of Jerusha was celebrated on the 1st inst., in a pleasant re union of members and friends. It was greatly successful, under the management of our able and talent indies as Sister Williams, Woods, Clark, Davis, Campbell and Hall.

Brother Lloyd's pulpit is paid a flying visit to this city a few weeks ago, in quest of catechisers for the *Christian Recorder*. He was partially successful. Now, why is this, that Brother Lynch is compelled to leave his editorial chair, and, in person, solicit means to support our church organ, the common property of the clergy and laity, and in the success of which, each alone should be personally interested. Here our dear brother has the interest and success of the Church so little at heart? Are all our professions of attachment and love for Methodism instantiations, merely theoretical and self deceptive, —having no real existence, no living, active, working element exemplified in action? or is the enemy right? If so, how shamefully are we suppressing such an interest! Our very natures are dormant in this respect, and we no longer possess the vitality of a healthful being. We are ready to help forward every seem less interest, with willing hands; but the cause of Christ may suffer detention, while we sit by with folded hands, lamenting over the dispensations of Providence, and the unequal distribution of its favors.

Many of our clergymen look on the *Christian Recorder* as an isolated thing, having no connection with the Church, and sustaining no relation to themselves, and regard its introduction among their congregations, as no uncertain upon for

mal customs. This assertion is true, and it is confirmed by, at least three-fourths of our ministers.

Now brethren do we go to work and wish our own hundred thousand membership on the Church, at least one hundred thousand subscribers can be secured for the coming year, and what grand results will eventually follow with such an impetus imparted to the publishing interest in the connexion.

Look at the facts, brethren, and, instead of unnecessarily spatting out a bogus controversy between Book Concern and the *Christian Recorder*, given you entire heart to the work. This is just what is needed—a part of your hearts, and then we are just as much bound to perform it, as you are to preach the gospel and until you do this, your work will be only half completed. From personal observation, I know that many ministers regard the visits of the General Book Steward and the *Recorder* with fear, as they generally bring some financial prospects, and, in many instances, prefer to transact such movements, instead of performing their ecclesiastical duties, as long as this continues to be the state of affairs, we may expect but little progress, either in literature or in spiritual knowledge.

The mass in charge being eaten in regard to Wilberforce University I ask would it be necessary to send agents abroad, and if so, could they performed her duty? And where lies the fault? Surely not with the laity, for they are always ready to support the Church. But it evidently lies in that dormant, inactive spirit, which, in regard to matters of public welfare, characterizes certain clergymen. Put on the false, shall of piety, the throppy of such men, who are continually talking of progression, and praising for the dissemination of knowledge every where, and yet so little so much as their *means*, in behalf of two of the grand instrumentalities for accomplishing the end. Such bold inconsistency is one to bring him disloyalty to the cause of truth, not to our profession.

May God, for Christ's sake, pardon our sinful negligence in this great matter, and stir us up to intense activity in behalf of the educational interests of the Church.

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IMPEACHMENT

BY W. C

While the country is agitated concerning the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, perhaps it would not be out of place for me to give the true opinion of our people so far as I have learned

A greater reprobate, and, consequently, more unworthy being, never filled the presidential chair than the present incumbent. John C. Calhoun, nor Jefferson Davis, could not have disgraced it more than Andrew Johnson does. If they were rebels, they had conscience enough to let the country know it before accepting any official position. Neither would they have disgraced the second position in the gift of the people by *appearing* up to take the oath of office under the influence of rotten whiskey.

We consider Andrew Johnson, as President of the United States, to be the foulest thing that ever disgraced the earth, in the shape of—language we believe, for the following reasons, that he ought to be immediately impeached and dethroned.

1st. As the perty which elevated him to the Vice Presidency is still in power, it is in duty bound to the country to impeach him, for in so doing he accidentally got the presidential chair, but, because, since getting there he has become a greater traitor.

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Since the adjournment of the last session he repeatedly to every speech, (rather in the speech, as he could only get up one,) that he had confidence in the people, and that he would have the enumerations in their hands, &c. Now, when the people tell him, through their ballots, how they love, he declares to set them at naught, and subvert every opportunity to resist them through their representatives. (Perhaps we ought not to hold him to account for this, as he signed spirit, when speaking, and not that of Andrew Johnson.) A President that so tramples with Congress ought not only to be impeached, but

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May God, for Christ's sake, pardon our sinful negligence in this great matter, and stir us up to intense activity in behalf of the educational interests of the Christian.

HANNIBAL.

Bonny Hall, Jan. 8th, '67

For the Christian Recorder.

IMPEACHMENT

BY W C

While the country is agitated concerning the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, perhaps it would not be out of place for me to give the true opinion of our people so far as I have learned

A greater reprobate, and, consequently, more unworthy being, never filled the presidential chair than the present incumbent. John C. Calhoun, nor Jefferson Davis, could not have disgraced it more than Andrew Johnson does. If they were rebels, they had conscience enough to let the country know it before accepting any official position. Neither would they have disgraced the second position in the gift of the people by *appearing* up to take the oath of office under the influence of rotten whiskey.

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table struggle which will surely come, and God you unprepared

Then why do you hesitate? Will you use common sense, and try and make yourselves men, your own men? *Then commence now*

And that God bless you, continue to be the prayer

C. F. CHRISTY

Xenia, O., Jan 11th, 1867

For the Christian Recorder

LETTER FROM M. M. CLARK.

Brothers Lenox:—It is my fortune to give your readers a sense of communication about the state of matters and things here in the Mississippi valley, and I will give this caption to my first communication

A CAT IN THE CABIN

A week ago (Dec 25th), we were favored with a visit from Bishop Gaudaur, who had come from visiting his work at Mobile, Alabama, Vicksburg &c. &c. in which servile places, the Bishop reports a good work going on, and the harvest ripe for the labors of the laborer, to whom it belonged, and went on board the steamer in request as it was understood, on the short notice that the Bishop was a passenger. Many of distinction, educated and intelligent The emphatic reply was, "a cat in the cabin."

Do you, said the clerk, with an air which was intended to terrify, and intimidate, "a cat for him a free saloon fare? Our reply was, we came merely, or, to inquire what accommodation you can give, and not to ask any favors.

"A cat in the cabin," the same that we give to other negroes, said the starchy clerk, seeing no reason for the passage to be refused.

Did Bishop Campbell accept the "cat in the cabin," might be inquired? Shame, indeed, if he did. No, he was not the man to accept of a favor, that he could not be witnessed in business connexion

It is a shame to say that any desire to know what "a cat in the cabin" really implies, we state:

1. It implies that a colored man takes a passage on a steamer, and is therefore set as a white man, site night and day on the guards outside of the cabin, and sold to all sorts of weather

2. He eats in the pantry, and has to sit up on or under a table, all the while he has gone to their state-room, and this seems the "cat in the cabin," for the negro, we must sleep faster than every body else, for the seat in the cabin must be removed by three or four o'clock in the morning, so that the cabin can be prepared by day-light. Such is the nature of "a cat in the cabin."

Now, Mr. Editor, it is our intention to show in the forth-coming communication, how we are to remove and keep the "cat" out of all the cabins in the south.

A few hours after the steamer Lizzie Gill left Natchez for New Orleans, the steamer Pavilion passed this place, in which Bishop Campbell and not take passage on her, because she had drowned a colored woman and her child some time before, and four hours after she had left the city, she was consumed by fire, burning one hundred souls alive A few hours after, Bishop Campbell took passage on the Louisville steamer, which is a providential escape.

M M CLARK

(To be continued)

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM DANVILLE, KY

Danville, Ky., Jan 1st, 1867.

Mr Editor:—I think it is time we were hearing from you. Our silence has been caused by our friends in Danville, in sending a delegate to the Convention, which met in Louisville, to confer together with a National Convention of the colored men of the country; therefore, I insert the names of the Danville delegates, and the object of the same. I must admit, there was quite a large number who favored the session who were not present, but I do not blame them for not attending, for as in all communities, three or four individuals, who did all in their power to defeat the desired object, but we know that the Lord is on our side, it hath something in it so genuine, so native, so heavenly, that it must succeed. We have had many good earnest with us; we think he regards us and believes himself, and therefore we are anchored both to regard and believe him When we look at the darkness of the world, and then steadily raise each sympathetic bosom, and can not help but be moved, and therefore we are to believe that every thing will be for the best.

We are all strangely delighted and moved with what is natural. Let what you say be but natural, and we are all ears. Nothing is more evasive But men only speak naturally when they speak as they think and feel. Take care to think and feel what things you would inspire; you shall then, and then only be truly eloquent. Eloquence will then flow from an inward source; that will of living water springing up within us, which alone can well be transparent; every word, look, and motion will then be natural, graceful, and true. The measures of manner, tone and gesture, will then be your own, and not another's. Nothing has so much nerve ornaments as living graces the invisible clothing of a handsome soul. *From the Language of Real Passion. London, 1750.*

THE STORY OF FAITH

Some time ago I went for the benefit of much labor and ill health to a small village. Here I had but one book to three weeks, and the children of the neighborhood had no access to books. I was weeping while we sung a precious song of Zion, when a little girl came to me to trouble me with the thought of parting from her and children? He looked at me steadfastly almost reproachfully, and said:

Does not Jesus say with them, But are the Lord—God like the Father of the fatherless and pleaded the widow? No, then are not cared for. I have prayed the Lord that He would be the guardian Isn't he so?" You are not troubled, you are not afraid, you believe in Jesus.

"Surely," he replied. I believe in Jesus and that he loves me as he does all his children. I will talk with the children in His own time Jesus will help me not to worry my children's thoughts He kept upon

Why did you weep then?" I asked

For joy, for I thought the voyage is as beautiful now. It is how beautiful will it be when the angels help in it!" I wept for joy that this blessedness was mine.

Then he motioned to his wife. She understood him, brought the shell, and brought down little sunset in which her husband kept his money. There were no gleaming, silver-mixed pieces in it, all that remained of the store. He took three to with smiling fingers, and laid them on my hand, and said

The brethren must see how these that they not how to do to poor.

I turned to his wife who nodded assent, and said

We have talked it over already. When every thing has been reckoned for the funeral there are nineteen cents."

And what remains for you?"

The Lord Jesus" she replied

And what do you have for your wife and children?"

The Lord Jesus," he said, and whispered to my ear "He is a great master in all things."

So I took the ten groschen, and and then in the manner how as a great treasure and at last been a struggle for me to pay them away But, when I got home I found that I had not enough with would not have been fulfilled.

That night he left asleep And neither he wife wept nor his three eldest children—neither in the house nor at the funeral there was groschen remain

his well thumbed copy of Bishop Wilson's *Private*, asking me to read that and Edwards' Life of Brainerd instead of Hymn and

If I met with trials and the storm I rose,
To meet myself and God, and find repose.

I never knew till then of so restful a hope; to night, the ball in saving of that sweet Friend, *Word—Eternal Rest*. I never knew it so well till then.

The Christian Recorder.

Rev. James Lynch, Editor.

Philadelphia, Saturday, Jan. 19, 1867.

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Let our preachers urge the people to send their subscriptions to the General Book Steward immediately.

James Lynch,
Editor of *Christian Recorder*.

THE FAIR AT CINCINNATI.

The fair at Cincinnati for the purpose of raising money to aid in the coming session of the Central for the *Christian Recorder*, closed some days since. Mrs. Charlotte Alexander presided at the office, for that purpose, and reports that the fair, the sum of one hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety-two cents.

The editor has been quite ill at Galena, Ill., but is recovering, and expects to a few days to be in Philadelphia.

THE TRIBUNE ALMANAC AND POLITICAL REGISTER FOR 1867

This work comes to us full of interesting matter. A valued hand-book for reference, we summoned it to popular favor.

The Astronomical Department is so well prepared, as to secure the attention of the part chosen.

The Political Department contains a valuable summary of the laws passed at the first session of the present Congress.

The Civil Rights Bill is given entire, with the President's Bureau Bill and the messages of the President vetoing those measures

Tables are given of the returns of important elections, with a statistical table showing the sex, population, etc., of the various States.

The work has been well prepared by Mr Schem, and gives evidence on me pages of his ability.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER

We will say to our readers, that if the paper fails to be as interesting as usual, it is on account of our having been away, attending the Washington Convention We thought that Rev James Lynch would have been before this time, to attend to that part of duty.

WASHINGTON

We spent our last Sabbath in Washington, D C. At 11 o'clock we attended Israel Church of which Rev. William H. Hunter is pastor. We had given our work to Brother Hunter to preach for him. Brother Hunter is getting along nicely. His congregation has greatly increased, and he has taken in a good number of young people May the Lord bless him and them.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., we preached at 4th Street church, on the Island, of which Rev. Brother Hall is pastor, and was pleased with the appearance of the church. Formerly they had only a small frame building in which to hold their meetings; but now, to the great credit of Brother Hall and his people, they have a very nice brick church. They have been struggling for several years We are sorry that the church is not much indebted that he could not be out on Sabbath. It is that which caused us to give our consent to preach on the Island. Brother Hall is with them in all efforts to do good.

At night we were at Union Bethel, of which Rev J. A. Handy is pastor Here also we consented to preach on account of the illness of Brother Handy, who has been prostrated with chills for some time. Then we had to preach three times in the city, and each appointment was over a mile apart. The churches were well filled, and the choirs sang beautifully. We hope that the Lord may ever bless these good brethren

We had the pleasure of being [illegible] on [illegible] and also the people Rev W. Anderson is their pastor. We always glad to be accompanied by the [illegible] Lord for to [illegible] and a blessing. We are sorry that we could not preach [illegible] Brethren will excuse us next

OUR TRIP TO THE EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE CONVENTION

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ment and ... [illegible] ... they have ... [illegible] ... way ... [illegible] ... Republican majorities ... [illegible] ... Democratic majorities ... [illegible] ... Republican majorities ... [illegible] ... right; pure throughout, but he has no wish to step out of the administration to work from Republican ranks. The Democratic party is a open ring fight with no interest in any more favorable to the Executive position than it is now. Democratic success in November will be without effect, either direct or indirect, in this respect, while the success of the whole country will materially tend to lower the value of our securities abroad, and to increase the rate of interest at home. We hope the Lord will overrule all these things to the good of his cause and people.

Yours truly,

HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

New York, Jan. 8th, 1867.

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Poetry.

LATTER DAY HYMN.

We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.
Hark, the waking up of nations,
Gog and Magog in the fray
Hark! what meaneth the Creation,
Groaning for the latter day!

II.

Will ye play, then, will ye dally,
With your means and your souls' estate?
Up, ye Jehovah's rally,
God's ye arm hath said of thine
Hark! the omen! will ye fold
Your arms in listless sloth?
Up! up! thou drowsy soldier,
Watcher, are thou clinging to the stock?

III.

Worlds are changing, heaven trembling
Then hast not an hour to fight!
Now the bloom cross unfolding,
Oh, right onward for the right.
On, the end nor wish for,
For the truth's sake go abroad.
Strike, but every nerve and sinew
Tell on ages—tell for God

BISHOP COXE.

A HYMN OF UNITY.

Author of all, one glorious Lord,
Extended in present time,
Forever equally adored,
Mysterious Deity.—

I.

Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost,
Inactive, yet all the same,
In promises ave, unrestrained and free,
We know Thy triune Name

II.

Unlike ineffable Unknown!
One essence, being, soul!
One life, one glory, power and throne
One rule, the boundless whole!

III.

Thee Thou—and Thine, through worlds shews,
Their Author's impress bear,
One will, one work, one joy, one love,
Unnumbered nowhere share

IV.

And shall not Thine, through worlds below,
The self-same union prove,
If in their souls Thy presence glow
Thy Spirit in them move?

V.

Yes, Lord, Amen! for all to be.
—Then they may all be one,
As Thou in me, and I in Thee:
So prayed on earth Thy Son.

VI.

So pray Thy saints, weary eaten,
So pray Thy servants min.
O let Thy voice all waiting frame!
Fall on us, while we love!

VII.

Then, though with tongues diverse we speak,
One heavenly tale we'll spread,
One Lord we own, one kingdom seek,
All equal in one Head.

VIII.

One sacramental cup we'll taste,
One hour resolution saves,—
With songs through time victorious haste,
And join the above.

IX.

Then let Thy children, Lord, agree,
Till time shall be no more,
And still Thy triune Deity
Eternally adore!

Brooklyn, Dec. 19, 1866.

The Family.

COALS OF FIRE ON THE HEAD.

Joe's small feet clattered vigorously down to the little cave where his boat was hidden. But as he neared the place an exclamation of anger escaped him, for there were signs of some intruder, and the big stone before the cave had been rolled away. Hastily drawing forth his treasure, he looked into load crew of damage, for there was the beautiful little boat which cousin Herbert had given him, with its gay sails quite in a hundred shreds, and a large hole beside in the bottom.

Joe stood for a moment motionless with grief and surprise; then, with a face as red as a poppy, he burst forth:

"I know who did it—the mean young! It was Frits Brown; and he was mad because I would not ask him to come to the launch. But I'll pay him for this very well, and little Joe brought his set teeth; and hastily pushing back the ruined boat, he hurried a little farther down the road, and fastening a piece of string across the footpath, a few inches from the ground, he carefully hid himself in the bushes.

Presently a step was heard, and Joe eagerly peeped out. How provoking! instead of Frits it was Cousin Herbert, the very last person he cared to see, for considering his recent conduct, Joe tried to be very quiet, but it was all in vain, for Cousin Herbert's sharp eyes caught a curious moving in the string, and stooping down high and left, he soon came upon little Joe.

"How d'ye do?" he said, looking straight into the boy's blazing face; but Joe answered not a word. "You're ashamed to tell me what you were doing?"

"No, I am not," said little Joe, stoutly, after a short pause, "I'll just tell you the whole story." and out it came down to the closing thesis, "and I mean to make Frits smart for it."

"What do you mean to do?"

"Why, you see, Frits carries a basket of eggs to market every morning, and I mean to trip him over the string, and smash 'em all!"

Now Joe knew well enough that he was not showing the right spirit, and ashamed to himself—"Now for a good scolding." But to his great surprise, Cousin Herbert said quietly—Well, I think Frits does need some punishment; but that string is an old trick I can tell you something better than that."

"What?" cried Joe, eagerly

"How would you like to go a few yards of fire on his head?"

"What, real burn him?" said Joe, doubtfully. Cousin Herbert nodded with a queer smile. Joe clapped his hands. "Oh, I should like that thing, Cousin Herbert! You see his hair is so thick he wouldn't get burned much before he'd have time to shake me off. But how can we get him just where we want him to be it—quick?"

"I'll tell you exactly how to do it," said Herbert to me; and if he be thirsty give him water to drink; for that will keep coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee." said Cousin Herbert, gravely, and I think that's the best kind of punishment little Frits could have."

Joe's face lengthened terribly. "Now I declare," said Herbert, that's a real take in. That's just punishment of a very different kind."

"Try it now," said Cousin Herbert. "Treat Frits kindly, and I am much mistaken if you are ashamed and unhappy that he would far rather have you kick or beat him."

Joe was not really such a bad boy at heart, but he was now in a very ill-temper, and he said, sullenly, "But you have told me a story, Cousin Herbert. You said this kind of coals would burn, and they can't at all."

"You're mistaken about that" said his cousin, cheerily. "You known such coals to burn up a great amount of rubbish—smaller ones, I allow, reverser, and I don't know how much more—and then these same very cold hearts feeling as warm and pleasant as possible

Joe drew a long sigh. "Well still me a good coal to put on Frits' head and I'll see about it."

You know, said Cousin Herbert, turning, that Frits is very poor and can seldom buy himself a book although he is extravagantly fond of reading; but you have quite a library. Now suppose—still, well I won't suppose anything about it. I'll just leave you to think over the matter, and find your own coal—and be sure and handle it with love, for no other fire burns so brightly and so long," and with a cheery whistle Cousin Herbert sprang up on the fence and was gone.

Before Joe had time to collect his thoughts, he saw Frits coming down the lane carrying a basket of eggs on his hand and a pail of milk in the other.

For one minute the thought crossed Joe's mind. "What a grand smash it would have been to have set the string across the wing;" and then again he blushed to the very roots, and hoped that the string was safe in his pocket.

Frits passed and looked very unconcerned while Joe stood with bright eyes of Joe but the boy began abruptly. Frits, do you have much time to read now?"

Sometimes," said Frits, when I've driven the cows home and done all my work, I have a little peep at daylight left, but the trouble is, I'm tired everything I could get hold of."

How would you like to read my new book of travels?"

Frits eyes danced. Oh! may I—may I? I'd be so careful of it."

"I so," answered Joe, "and perhaps I've seen others you'd like to read. And Frits' face shone a little shyly, "I would ask you to come and help me sail my boat to-day, but some one has torn to the sails and made a great hole in the bottom. Who do you suppose did it?"

Frits's head dropped upon his breast; but after a moment he looked up with a great effort, and said, "I did it, Joe, but I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am. You didn't know I was so mean when you pressed me the books."

Well, I rather thought you did it," said Joe slowly.

And yet you didn't." Frits couldn't get any further, for his voice was on a perfect blaze, and he rushed off without another word.

Cousin Herbert was right," said Joe to himself, that coal was a burner. I'll bet Frits would rather I had mended every egg in his basket than offered to lend him that book. But I feel like it. And little Joe took three more somersaults and went home with a light heart, and a grand appetite for breakfast.

When the repairs and even of the little boat were at the appointed hour, they found Frits there before them, eagerly trying to repair the rigging, and as soon as he saw it he hurried to present him with a beautiful little flag which he had bought for the best part of his week's pocket money that very morning. The boat was repaired, and made a grand trip, and every thing turned out as Cousin Herbert had said; for Joe's heart was so warm and full of kindness that he was never more happy on his life.—*Helps over Hard Places.*

SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT HIS SOUL.

At a meeting for prayer and fasting last Tuesday, a brother who was, I think, the best man amongst us, made a confession, a sad confession, and he looked at his and could not understand how he could be so unfaithful to his master. I do not know He told us that there was a man in his congregation who was a wealthy man, but he had a large family man, he would have spoken to him about his soul; but, being a wealthy man, he thought it would be taking too much liberty. At last one of the members happened to speak to him. "So-and-so, have you found a Saviour?" and burning coal from the man said, Thank you for speaking to me, I have been in darkness for months, and thought the minister might have spoken to me. Oh, I wish he had; I might have found peace." I am afraid that often and often you good people have chanced mentioned of an affair by the side of you, and when in the place of worship, and when the sermon is over, you don't go to get a word with them,—you might be the means of their comfort, but you forget it, and you go your way. Now, is this a thing to be forgotten, as if it were no matter of grace? Let me give you a picture when may not it forth. See yonder poor wretches whose dog has gone down at the sea, they have encountered the sea, tottering raft, and have been exposed to it for days; their supply of bread and water is exhausted, and they are famishing; they have bound a handkerchief to a pole and hoisted it, and so are said in its sight. The captain of the ship takes his telescope, looks at the object, and knows that it is a shipwrecked crew "Ho!" says he to his mate, "we are in a hurry with our cargo, we must not stop to look after no unknown object; it may be somebody praying, and if may not be, but moreover, it is not our business" and he keeps on his course. His neglect has murdered those souls died on the raft. Yours is much the same case—only it is worse, because you deal with immortal souls, and not with dogs. You have a work which duties to do. Oh, my brother, I do implore you to look after souls, and if you do not, I do not hesitate to say that the blood of those souls will be required at your hands.—*Spurgeon*

BABY HANDS.

Those baby hands—those precious baby hands,
So full of beauty and of mischief too,
So dear also in the coming years,
And wonder what those hands will find to do.

Their perfect symmetry will labor not,
Their purity be untried by hard toil;
Those fingers will be fashioned for genuine skills,
As they for daily bread are forced to moil.

Many hapless will if they should idle prove,
And their appointed tasks on others throw;
Or, making only pleasure, fail to find
The truest, holiest, heavenest end to know.

My darling child, I will not thus forsake
Those tiny hands yet shall walk a power,
And learn to nurture years a sacrifice
For heritage of manhood and the hour.

Seven summers, may find thy heart impure
To noble deeds and thee, when life is over,
A blessing unto all who know thee give
A wreath of unfading beauty on thy brow.

COLCR OF THE STARS.

Prof Kaiser of Philadelphia, the author of several work is. The Dragon of the stars." Writes in the Press and Times:

"I have no doubt but that the entire cosmos with which we are surrounded is as variously and prettily and fanciful how the stars organized, that what appear to us as they now are, and what unless them shine. The appearance of the star is thus described by the Rev My. Mills the-rising out in successive red, blue, and white lights in succession, atmospheric effect, and called a-intillation. It is seen when the star is overfully elevated to all the larger stars, especially when they are approaching the horizon. It is a refraction and decomposition of the exceedingly minute rays of light which reach us from the remote stars of air of different densities. Hence the star appears to change its color, and colors as the dew drops, or as the rain drops when they form the rainbow. All the stars flicker, but some naturally of various colors—some red some blue, some green and some orange, with many different shades of these as may be seen by any one with good vision and careful observation. In the Pleiades, for instance, there are five people generally to note and record these colors and their changes, and I have myself seen them, and their several prominent colors. Some things are not to be seen by every one, and Solomon recorded by the ancient Greeks and Romans, and by the Chaldeans, and I have had access to my volume

A STREET INCIDENT.

One Sabbath evening our friend was distributing tracts on Seven Dials, when he saw a dirty, looking fellow with a pipe in his mouth, and a dog under his arm, and having his boots blacked. His following words were:

Good evening, my friend, will you have a little book."

The stranger, stretching out his hand with a look of surprise, cried out "Hallos!"

From some reason or other—known to no one—he never himself—our friend cried out "Hallos!"

How long have you been up to this dodge" asked the dirty looking man with the dog under his arm?

"About three years," was the answer of the man with the tracts in his hand

Does it pay?" shrewdly asked the inquisitive stranger.

Very well indeed."

I am looking for an honest living, you may as well do this as anything else."

Well, rather," replied the other, for Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

"You used to read well?"

First rate."

"If it's a fair question to put, what do they pay you?"

A crown."

A crown!" throwing up his breath with surprise: "Notes bad either," thinking that a crown a day was more than enough for any of mortus."

"Certainly."

"Does it want any introduction to get into it?"

No, simply apply at the fountain head, and if you suit, you'll be taken on directly."

I suppose no penalty."

For life, if you are faithful!"

Then there's a go for me! for getting the sack!"

If you are ever so old, they'll never turn you off Even then there's a bonus to live on in peace."

Well, it's a first rate affair, and I should like to have a turn at it myself Do you think I would suit?"

Yes I never knew a man yet whom you recommended to apply that was not hired but better apply to the fountain head."

Of course, I should go to the gov'ner Where do you apply?"

To the Lord."

The spell was broken, and the man took his pipe out of his mouth, and gave a significant whistle "He's no connection of mine," was the patter said, "look here, my boy, I've served the devil for thirty years, and he's the worst of masters. Now I am serving Jesus Christ. He gives me good wages, just enough to live on, and leaves me a crown of glory a robe of righteousness, and a home in heaven. If that isn't worth working for, I don't know what is Good-by"—*English paper*

A STRAY REMINISCENCE.

I once heard Dr. Lewis Pierce in the midst of one of his unparalleled appeals on the subject of the promises of God, suddenly break off his audience through an ordeal like this: "Go out," said he, "and look among those I am not sent to. God's new year is beginning; we must rain, and wind, and thunder, and lightning, and the falling snow, the fertility of the soil, the germinating quality of the seed, and all those in that harmonious influences which God has put forth, will ensure us a rich harvest, and multiplied heaps of wheat. If I had not been sent to you, and commissioned, for we intend to read upon the good things of Thy Providence." Then he *turned his audience and stood* that we do not intend to yield a *shadow* to the enemy." "Amen," said the Doctor; and then lowbrowed our seats to our own liking. At length they'd go "no more," and the Doctor and you will feel like shouting that I am sent to you before you get through with your petition And I do. No conviction of sin—no faith—no English of what you are doing."

"The words of the wise are as goads."

JERUSALEM

Jerusalem is perhaps, saddest city other city in the world... The midnight slumber is suddenly broken by the call to prayer. The silence is broken by the sweet, plaintive, lonely chant, and the long watches of the night, is unbroken by the wailing of wolves. The devotion of Judaism, the midnight wail of the Moslem, and the holy repose of chance, and quaffed that cup which at last bubbles like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder—has no cause to curse the firmness a trumpet which has sounded from the Christian church. The tone of utterance, who has labored long and sadly, and the night has far waned, to bring forth his from the creations of his fancy, this his loved son may be preserved from starvation, will not have to endure the cruelties of exile, or the horrors of civil war, who has been called back from the holy land of dreams by the cry of the dying, who has watched by the bed of more than lightning speed, and implores the strong and sun entertains views of the noble dramas to rescue some loved one from the consequences of from the suffocating flames. The weary mother bending over the cradle of her babe, who has been pained by the hilarity of the theatre going crowd. There are also the mentally exhausted students, who ought to be seen without save the fitful glimmer of a paper become sacred by the touch of the hallow ing mule-walker. No policeman stands sentinel The with light at the moon causes peculiar tissue shadows narrow, dark alleys, which by day are more have been brought low. There is a quiet pervading these streets, to which the mind even seems fixed, and nothing finds utterance save the lark or a dog, the sighing of the wind, the moan or cry of the land of Iliel—the children of Abraham. Jacob and Israel—the fulfillment of the prophecy! See them settled out, peeled and trodden down by the worst of nations—by the very dregs of the pomp of the strong has ceased and their holy places are defiled. Yet there is at that magnificent temple erected by King Solomon, which for one hour has been left upon another that has not been thrown down. Well might the Jews weep, daughter of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children."

Yet, behold there has been left a remnant that shall be brought back to their own land, Jerusalem For the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped, and the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. Then shall the wilderness and the solitary place be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. Then shall they build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock, and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

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Sabbath holy!
To the lowly
Still thou art a welcome day
Thou dost senses, earth and ocean,
Shade and brightness, rest and motion,
Help the aching heart to pray

Sun-wished forest,
Bird, that warest
O'er the azure fields of ether,
Throstle's song, and stream like flowers,
Wind that o'er dew-drop goest,
Welcome are the ye were prose!

Little river,
Young forever!
Cloud, gold-bright with thankful glint,
Happy woodman, gladly weeping,
Heart, which the still voice hearing,
Oh, that they were blessed as thee!

Sabbath holy!
For the lowly
Paint with flowers thy glittering sod,
For afflicted's sun's and daughters,
Rich in memories, words and wisdom,
Pray to God, the poor sons's God!

From the forest,
Little service,
Where no hope. Want there be none!
From the glooms of sickness, sighing,
Lead thou to green hills and valleys,
Weary hearted's tranquiled pone.

Fulg pung mother,
Gasping brother,
Sister toiling in despair,
Grief-laid sister, that lifts long dirst,
White-lipped child, that sleeping sighest,
Come and rest this light and air.

Tyrants curse ye,
While they curse ye,
Life for deathless wrong to pay,
Yet, O Sabbath! bringing gladness
Unto hearts of weary sadness,
Built art then the "Poor Man's Day."

UNION IN HEAVEN.

BY WILLIAM LEGGETT

If you bright stars, which gem the night,
Were such a blissful dwelling-place,
Where kindred spirits re-unite,
Where death no more can rend apart,
How sweet it were at once to die,
And leave this blighted orb afar,
Mix soul and e'en with the sky,
And soar away from star to star.

But oh, how dark, how drear and lone,
Would earth appear, should all unite,
If wandering through such radiant sea,
We failed to find the loved in bliss,
If there no more the tear shall twine
That dank's cold hand no more can sever,
Ah! then what more to mortal's pine
More hateful as they shine forever.

It cannot be—hush hope, such fear,
That lights the eye or clouds the brow
Proclaims there is a happier sphere,
There is a world that holds no sorrow
There is a voice which sorrow hears
Whose heavinst sceptre lifts a gaiting chain,
The Heaven is open to the sky tears,
The pure in heart shall meet again.

Communications.

For the Christian Recorder.

ITEMS FROM ST. LOUIS.

DEAR RECORDER:—Ere I leave the noise and bustle of this great city for other active scenes, I will try to fulfil my promise to you, and offer a few more "items," for your columns, and now, first of all, shall be the

PARTIES

These are among the social elements of social enjoyments, and especially so during the holidays! I shall not soon forget the pleasure I experienced in attending a party, that was given by Mrs. Susan Robinson, on the 26th, and also the womanly grace and dignity with which she presided. Quite a number of guests were present. Among the most conspicuous were she witty Mrs. Roberts, of Columbus, Ohio, the quiet, unassuming, and intelligent Mrs. Bershe, of St. Louis, the pretty Mrs. Hancock, of New Orleans, the merry Mr. Taggart, of Keokuk, Iowa, and the learned Dr. Hamilton, of Washington, not to say that the table was laden with the rarest viands of the season, which, we can assure you, were duly appreciated by all.

The next was a surprise party. At an early hour, in the evening of the 31st, a large company met at Mr. Brother's, and, with well-filled baskets, wended their way to the residence of Mr. William Robinson. It was very amusing to witness the sense almost with which they were received by Mrs. Robinson, and the still greater surprise depicted on the faces of the male portion of the family, who, on their return from business, found the parlor filled with visitors, whom they did not expect to see.

After partaking of refreshments and speeches a few hours in social pleasure, the party prepared to disperse, but before doing so, Mr. Brent was called upon to return their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, for their kindness and hospitality, which he did in a few brief and appropriate remarks.

I have this subject abruptly, in order to give a passing notice to

PETTIS & LEATH'S ART GALLERY.

Hearing of their exhibition of European paintings, I wended my way to the Arch Gallery, on Saturday the 26th ult., where I found a large collection of beautiful paintings from each of the most celebrated masters of the present age. Among the finest were a Landscape near Castellamare, by Flamm; Lake of Geneva, from the Savoy side, by Lutw; the Children, by Lindlar, and a Mexico View, by Morin, all of which are very rare pictures

THE CHURCHES.

These editions, both Catholic and Protestant, are so enormous, that they may be seen in all parts of the city, rearing their steeples as if they would reach the sky. Of these, there are eight colored churches, four Methodist and four Baptist. St. Paul's Chapel is the principal one of the former denomination, and the Second Baptist of the latter. These churches are entirely too small to accommodate their congregations, but efforts are being made for the purpose of erecting a very large Methodist church. Rev. Dr. Revels is pastor, and is duly appreciated. He is one of the able ministers belonging to the A. M. E. Conference. Rev. H. H. White is pastor of the Second Baptist church. He is also a very intelligent, and, we hope, a very able and useful minister. Hundreds of persons, I am informed, who come to this church on Sabbath, are forced to go away, there being no room to the audience room. There is surely an extensive field of labor here, for the ministers of the gospel. Much good has been done, and much more remains to be accomplished among the colored people of this city.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

tenght in the colored churches referred to, are large and flourishing. That of the Second Baptist church numbers four hundred people, seated in three departments, under the superintendent and Bible classes. The Superintendent, and nearly all the teachers are white, which, to me, seemed strange. But Rev. Christian's Superintendent informed me that the white teachers are anxious to engage in another mission, and want colored men to come and take their places.

We found a very interesting Sunday School in St. Paul's Church, under the care of colored teachers. Of this school Mr. Pitts is Superintendent, with Mr. Harod for his assistant. He has conducted the school for a number of years, and it is a pleasure to witness the degree of reverence and assent which are to him by teachers and pupils. The lesson was faithfully learned and in this school. The singing was excellent, and far better than that heard in most schools. The pupils were led by Mr. Harod and showed by their efforts, that they had been carefully trained.

THE DAY SCHOOLS.

Having a desire to make my visit both profitable and pleasant, I concluded to visit some of the Day Schools, while the former is closed. On Wednesday morning, accompanied by the Misses Robinson, I went to the Washington School, where I was kindly received by the Principal and his assistants.

This is one of the best schools in St. Louis, and consists of twelve departments with more that five hundred pupils In this school the monitor system of government is carried out more successfully than any I have ever visited. The order to the halls, and on the playgrounds, almost excelled that to the rooms during study hours.

Being urged upon by the Principal to call again the next morning, in order that I might hear some recitations, as the pupils had particularly interested, I returned accordingly, and was cordially received as before.

The Principal took pleasure in explaining his methods of discipline and imparting instruction, which interested me very much While I was there, his class in Arithmetic had a lesson in Written Arithmatic; but I was not surprised, because they were examples which required much thought thus young pupils generally bemow on them.

On Friday morning, the 4th instant, I visited Mr. Cummings, and Miss Dooley's School, which is taught in the Second Baptist church. Mr Cummings is a fine scholar, an experienced teacher, and a graduate of one of the best colleges in the East. Miss Stanley is a young lady whose profound scholarship, brilliant talents, and long experience in the art of teaching are widely known The people of St Louis are very fortunate in securing the services of such efficient teachers. Their school has an enrollment of one hundred and fifty pupils and is one of peculiar interest. Their lessons that morning were, for the most part, reviews. The children were seen with which they gave solutions, performed examples, and answered questions in geography, showed that the lessons had not only been carefully prepared, but they had, in addition, bright minds and skillful teachers

The next piece of interest was

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After singing, they answered a number of miscellaneous questions with a promptness that created a good share of general information

I left the Home musing on the vast amount of good done in the world by kind, generous hearts.

On Thursday evening, the 3d inst., I attended a meeting of the

PHILOMATHEAN SOCIETY

The society is quite young in age, but strong in intellectual power, being composed of some of the most enlightened minds in the city. In this fact, are long, to make his intellectual power strongly felt in St. Louis.

Owing to the absence of some members, to whom tasks had been assigned, there were but two exercises, viz: Select Reading, by Mrs. Lucy Robinson, and The Critique, by Miss Stanley. The former did ample justice to the selection, which that of the latter was a brilliant and masterly effort.

A discussion arose concerning the new election of officers, in which Mr. Cummings, Mr. Brent, Mrs. Lucy Robinson and Miss Stanley took an active part Mr. Cummings, although strongly opposed to the election of officers on that evening, gave way to the heavy arguments of his opponents, and the members proceeded to cast their votes, which resulted in the election of Mrs. Lucy Robinson, President; Mr. Hard, Vice President; Mrs Susan Robinson, Secretary, and Miss Stanley, Critic.

After the business of the evening was over, on motion of Mr. Cummings, Miss Mary Miss Woodson and Mrs. Lucy Robinson were elected members of the Society, an honor which the teachers of Keokuk will highly appreciate.

Dear Recorder, as the time for my departure approaches, and I have written you a lengthy letter, I will add no more Wishing you success and prosperity throughout this New Year.

Yours in peace,
CLARENDON

St. Louis, Jan 3d, 1867.

For the Christian Recorder.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY—EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS, &c

PLEBY ST., CHURCH, RICHMOND

Mr. EDITOR:—I promised in my last letter with a reference to Rev Henry Davis' charge, in New York,—promising to speak of Brooklyn, Weeksville, Williamsburg, and other places, in my present communication. First, then, among the last named places, is the charge of Rev. J. Woodlyn, in Pleasant street, Brooklyn. This charge, though young,—having received its first incumbency on emulation from the earnest labors of that noble and godly minister of God, Rev. E. D. Cuse,—has ever prospered more than it has under the ministrations of Rev. J. Woodlyn. The next point worthy of special notice as characteristic of Brother Woodlyn, and his devotion to the Sabbath School department of our Church, is the presence of an infant department in this new and rapidly growing congregation. His corps of officers are as efficient and generous as any parish could desire, and are always ready and willing to adopt the views of their pastor (whom they love) in any movement for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the cause of suffering humanity.

BETHEL STREET CHURCH.

Rev. Daniel Bethel is the efficient Pastor in charge of this church This church has had a precarious and checkered existance for several years past. Sometimes it has been in *pays* as much of Christian harmony and esteem as it has been blessed with for a long period. The Rev. J. Woodlyn, whose services were believed than any former pastor who has had charge here, is the agent of the congregation for collecting funds in Brooklyn for the church, as above, which, I learn, was quite a considerable sum. The pastor in charge, and Brother Williams, work for us in the most unselfish manner and means, and are succeeding well in their combined efforts for good.

As is the case at Fleet street, the congregation attending here is very large, and should their pecuniary embarrassment be removed through the assistance of our Board of Trustees, I have no doubt that they enjoy peace and prosperity in other respects, they must soon take rank as first of all congregations. Brother Bethel is certainly most with hearty endorsements and practical assistance wherever his place is heard, among all good Methodists. I regret that he was so cast for him self as connected to some such to them. Brother Freeman as a man of great mental power and great worth, and deserves a high place in the holds in the affections of this intelligent people He engages in all their efforts for the good of society and the church, and by his zeal, and his earnest and child like in his social and religious intercourse with his people, as though they were all children of one taugnerd, as they are of one Spiritual Father

Such a church and pastor must prosper. It is very pleasant indeed to be in their midst; for there—

To mingle with them is to feel
Their one true source of happiness.
Yet cannot all succeed.

WILLIAMSBURG,

so far as our people are concerned, is not a what behind the most deserving, in point of energy and real improvement. Her great champion—Rev. Andrew Marrow, Camille, Rev. Mr. Gaines, Rev. Mr. Rose, and the Baptist church, all of which are very well attended. The Schools are in good condition, but I should much prefer to visit them all, as I found the Baptist Sabbath School, under the general superintendence of colored superintendent and teachers. I think there are many reasons why this should be so, not necessary to enumerate

WEEKSVILLE, OR EASTERN NEW YORK,

as it is sometimes called, is the residence of Professor Jessie C. Morrell, Rev. H. M. Wilson, L. H. Fattens, Esq., and other like men of merit, and their influence among both white and colored residents is by no means unfelt or unseen by any careful observer who may choose to visit this remi-rural district. Here, too, we published that able exponent of the people's views and opinions, "The People's Journal," with Rev. R. H Furry as its Editor It was started a movement in honor of the earnest and noble men of the African Civilization Society, in the shape of a fine effectual fair, which is selling the good being used for school and church purposes, and the remaining portion occupied as a residence, promises, and other apartments suitable for a publication office

The Civilization Society has done and is doing an ordinary work. It certainly contributes to the great capacity of those men who direct its movements; and when it is remembered how very effectual it has been in aiding the poor and destitute Freedmen to obtain schooling facilities and other means necessary to their new relations to society, I think that Philanthropists from home, if honest enough to say so, acknowledge their goodness of heart and high, refined, mental qualities.

Perhaps no one has done more for the community here than the gentlemen first named—Professor Morrell himself. Coming here some years ago, before the war, and before Captain John Brown lit the torch that made latently light flashing all over the South, I found much earnest and faithful man here, earnestly pleading the same noble cause, in the same strain, and with the same unflinching zeal that he does now in youth, I think, from my own observation and experience, (which has not been very limited; that Mr. Morrell has been a man of his word in all respects, if any He will be remembered in this community for very many years after he shall have left it, and gone to that bourne from which no man never comes to them in this world They must be transferred to a far higher and happier sphere

All my visits to the worthy Professor's flourishing school have been of the most pleasant and profitable character, and I have never witnessed to compete with each other in the desire to make my visits of the most happy and entertaining character

On the whole, Weeksville is, in many respects, a model for places of much greater pretensions. Its people are intelligent, and have the refined and literary societies in other places, but the spots which I have deemed it prudent to conceal from the knowledge of the public. I will, at no future time, write you a longer and more full account of the subject as I may be present.

Respectfully yours, &c.,
A. M URRH.

GREAT SPEECH OF HON CHARLES SUMNER ON FRIDAY, 18TH INST.

The Hon Charles Sumner of the U. S. Senate, the nation's hero, and great apostle of the present generation, delivered a speech, in the Senate, on the 18th of January 1867. Let all our readers read, and re-read it and that while he spoke, the senate stood breathless.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 639) to regulate the tenure of certain civil offices, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Howard to amend the amendment agreed to as in Committee of the Whole, by adding the following additional section:

And be it further enacted, That all officers of senate, except clerks of departments, not appointed by the President, with the advice of the senate, whose salary or compensation, declared from the passage of this act, is fixed by law, annually, shall be nominated by the President, and by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and the term of all such officers or agents who have been appointed since the first day of January, 1865, without the advice and consent of the Senate, shall expire on the last day of February, 1867

Mr. Sumner. I shall occupy little more than a year ago that I felt it my duty to observe an advantage of the President as "whitewashing." I did not suppose that anybody would be found in the rebel States or fair and promising, when the principles were so clear, and the duty was so plain, the way. Of course the message was "whitewashed" which I was prepared to find in the moment. But you do not forget how certain Senators, Governors of States, and others, journeyed to Washington to welcome the President. Some of those same Senators, horror struck being, imagined every spark a fire-brand. Time has shown that I was right on the former occasion, and I am willing to take the same ground yesterday. I commend him to time He will not be whitewashed. The President is a man of resolute character, and there are not only invaluable liberties but commanding

At last the country is opening its eyes to the usurpation of the President. It was time that Andrew Johnson, who came to supreme power by a timely assassination, has begun to trample on Jefferson Davis is the spirit by which he is governed and the method by which he is inflicting on his country. It sees the President at last before him revived in the President of the United States—it sees that the rebellion, which he declared to be his illustrious predecessor is now by his perverse conduct, and unblushing friendship to the rebels making all who love the Union its victims, and filling the land with anarchy and blood. It must war upon the faithful Executive is still consistent with the principles of liberty without any distinction of color, so that all, both white and black, are sacrificed. It sees that he is the minister of violence, and not of peace, and that, as he does this, no long as his influence prevails, there is still danger that the country will be involved in collision; that the restoration of prosperity is not to be expected; that the public debt is not reduced; that the business of the whole country is not to be promoted; that those conditions on which a sound currency depends cannot be postponed All these things the country now sees. But there is another thing which is the judgment when it is seen also that this inevitable conflict between the President and Congress is essential only to the rebellion itself, of which it is a continuance, is unregarded and crowded through a plain usurpation

I know that the President sometimes quotes the language of Jefferson, but he is not to be heard here that this pretension is of little value A French historian, whose fame as a writer is eclipsed by his greater fame as an orator, who has held important posts, and now in advancing years is still eminent in public life, has used words which apply characteristics as attempt like that of the President. I quote from the history of M Thiers "When any one wishes to make a revolution or a counter-revolution it is necessary always to disguise the illegality as much as possible, and to the end to use the terms of the Constitution in order to destroy it and also the members of a government in order to overthrow it." In this spirit the President has acted. He has beat Constitution, law, and men to his arbitrary will, and he even went to the Declaration of Independence for the overthrow of that equal rights which it so greatly promised

In holding up Andrew Johnson for judgment I do not dwell upon his open exposure of himself in a condition of beastly intoxication while he was sworn into such office, nor do I dwell on his maudlin speeches by which he has degraded the country as it was never degraded before; nor do I dwell on his reports of partisan wild, or of personal scrapation. This is not the case against him, as I deem it my duty to present it in this argument. These things are bad, very bad, but they might not be high crimes and misdemeanors, justify us on the present occasion. In other words, they might not be sufficient reason for the amendment which I have moved. But there is a reason which is ample. The President has violated the oath of office. He came to a collosal crime, and he has employed those supreme powers in Executive office for the spirit and awakening now the dying fires of the rebellion. This is the case against him, and this offense, for which history must condemn him, if you do not. It is a usurpation through which infinite wrong has been done to his country. He is a usurper, pretending to be a Moses, but he becomes a Pharaoh. He has become like his usurpation he has employed the power of office from office, that he would not be-cause the pretenses of his tyranny he has assumed the right to veto appropriations which Congress has, still he has silenced by this unreasonable and unconstitutional power. Wherever there is usurpation, whether is the loyal or the rebel spirit, he is filled by the partisans of his usurpation. Other vacancies are constantly occurring for these partisans. I need not add that just in proportion as we advance these appointments fail to arrest them, according to the measure of their number. In other words, they multiply and increase the power of the President. This is the usurpation.

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Yours fraternally,
IRVINGOLD

Bethel Parsonage,
Annapolis, Md., Jan. 14 '67.

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM CHILLICOTHE.

To Rev. Elisha Weaver:—I have a few items on hand for your valuable paper, the Christian *Recorder* And, I must commence by saying, that there is a revival going on at the A. M. E. Church, under the administration of the pastor, the Rev John A. Franklin There are a great many measures coming up in the success bands, bringing in here and there, one and all. God walks the right path But, I must not dwell here, for I have some other items on hand

The Rev. Lewis Lee, assisted by the hebrew school circle of the A. M E Church under the supervision of Mrs Emeline Hubbard, was a grand success. The station were presided over by Mrs. John A. Franklin, Mrs. Jane Peters, a lady greatly advanced in years, Mr. W. H. Forman, Mr. Geo. W. Jones They also had the Union Valley brass band, of which a young man named Mr. George Watt is leader, and they discovered much talent in music. They made the old and withered ladies and gentlemen skip and dance to dee time when they were young and in their prime. It was a delightful hour.

There are different classes of white people here, Democrats and Republicans, and Republicans of two classes. The nation were prov

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Rev. James Lynch, Editor.

Philadelphia, Saturday, Jan. 26, 1867.

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THE CENTENARY MONEY.

Where is the money the brethren have raised by the special order or request of the Bishops? We have been looking patiently for the Louisville Conference to send us the \$50 that Bishop Turner spoke of in his correspondence, so having been appropriated for the benefit of the Book Concern. We think all our brethren might forward in an age part of the Centenary collections.

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Let our Bishops and ministers read this, and then ask themselves, how they can expect the *Recorder* to continue to live, without an entire effort on the part of all.

We give below the amount received from our Conferences, as follows:—

Ohio Conference, April, 1866.	$80 56
Baltimore Conference, April,	82 72
Philadelphia Conference, May,	72 12
New York Conference, June,	50 00
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Total amount of two cent money,	$359 85
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Ohio Conference,	$48 51
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The expenses of hiring per year, including mailing, are not less than $720

Besides this, is the expense of publishing books, Discipline, &c.

The items on the property are not less than $75. Then consider that we sell at least one third of our stock on credit, and a great many other little expenses must come from our income on business. Then ask yourself, what is the General Book Steward and Editor to live upon? On eight or nine hundred dollars a year? That will not pay our expenses, if we get it.

We only give our brethren a hint of the fact. The free will offerings cannot be about one hundred and fifty dollars a year. This is only a hint to all.

HON GEORGE THOMPSON.

Hon. George Thompson, of England, delivered one of his fine lectures, on last Monday night, on Liberty Hall Subject—"Triumphs of Freedom." The position and prospects of the colored people in the United States." It was one of the powerful lectures of the day. We are sorry that the lecturer of the weather prevented a very large number from being present, who would otherwise have been there We think that the lecture ought to be published in pamphlet form

REVIVALS IN THE CHURCHES

It is a source of gratification to all believers in Christ to hear of pure rebellious sinners coming to our Lord and Saviour

The Bethel church, of our city, of which Rev. James Jones is pastor, is having quite a revival. A number have professed religion and many have been added to the Church. May the good Lord bless him faithful to the end! We hope that the good work may continue until every sinner shall be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

We also hear of the good work going on in Ohio, and in many other directions our brethren are holding protracted meetings. Brother E. H. Davis tells us in his letter, that the Lord is doing a great work in his congregation. Brother Franklin, of Chillicothe, Ohio, is also much encouraged in his work Brethren, pray that the work may never cease until the world is converted to God.

PERSONAL

Rev Mr Hart, who was formerly President of Wilberforce University, paid us a friendly visit on last Monday evening. He is looking remarkably well, indeed We had not seen him for three or four years. He informed us that he had recently been paying a visit or making a tour to the South, and gave us some idea as to how the preparers are doing there. He could tell us little that we did not know. We also had some very pleasant conversation with him in regard to things in general

THE SNOW STORM

We do not know that we have ever seen so much snow as we have this winter It is so deep that it is impossible to travel on the side walks. Will he not forward us the means he has on hand? By so doing he will greatly facilitate our cause.

NEBRASKA AND COLORADO.

Congress has just rejected these Territories with their constitutions, nothing distractive of citizenship is to exist.

We congratulate the support body, upon this noble stand in favor of human rights. No Territory henceforth is to be admitted into the Union except it plants itself upon the broad platform of human rights Truth is moving forward with great rapidity and to encourage cheer the hearts of Christian philanthropists

Soon the great Mosaic rise of revelation will be fully recognized by the politicians, however much may be resisted by timid professors of religion.

The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, are to be our popular theme in the discussion of politicians, and unless the Church awakes from her slumbers, the politicians will occupy them in the room. It is humiliating to know that many ministers are to be found in the utterances to the truths that statesmen boldly utter and defend in the halls of Legislation

Congress has admitted into the Territories no condition that they recognize the equality of the colored man, and sense all distinction for citizenship, and we shall see if the Republican party the day when all Christian churches in their resolutions, shall reduce to practice these solemn truths. When we see the whole country of their proud aristocracy, not only the eyes of millions of our brethren, but when they represent, are upon them, but the whole nation without their movements with the closest scrutiny. The brave heart that encouraged the soldier in the first conflicts, will cheer him to speak for his race, and not softly the part of the Legislator, as well as the part of the soldier.

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For the Christian Recorder.

COMMUNICATION

Having in our previous remarks advised us as to such plants as appeared to be proper for you to avoid and having concluded with that plant as requisite to the tobacco, we will now call your attention to a few plants worthy of your acceptance and care. Just opposite to that dangerous plant already mentioned, grows the lively shrub called *euphorbia*, which, though not always pleasant to the taste, is very salutary and leaves a sweetness in the mouth for a most excellent shrub, and produces the most delicious fruit Never be without a very large supply in your beds, you cannot live long without having it in some part of the garden.

In as of the principal departments, stands a very important plant, called *Ipecacuanha*, in a thriving quality Cultivate this fine plant with all your care, for it relieves and enriches at the same time. Never be without a large supply, and others think that they will never want it It is generally overlooked in the gayety and levity with which people enter this place, but the want of it is generally deplored with bitter repentance

There are two other plants of the same species, which are very closely connected, *cicuta virosata* and *frayingia*, and I must to be brief in all you must take heed. Both are poisonous in a high degree, very little narcotic can be expected. In this you must both unite Take care that you provide yourself with a supply of the latter soon as possible after you enter the garden

There is another modest plant called humility. It requires little room to grow, but that you should joined with other virtues it adds a charm to life, and spreads a fragrance around its master. Cultivate it with all your care, and it will prove to the growth of all pernicious and noxious weeds.

The term garden implies *cultivation*. Allow me, therefore, to speak a few words on the subject of *cultivation*, be connected with *propagation*, as that most probably will be your employment in this garden, master or lady. Should you have the rearing of a young plant, remember that it is frail in its nature, and liable to be destroyed without much care, skill, attention and great care and attention. Should you witness a blast on its dawning horizon, oh, how your tend heart will bleed, and your whole soul will be pained at the sight! The young plant will naturally twine around all the fibres of your frame I speak from experience. Should you be called upon to rear, or pause to train it up in the way it should go—weed it, water it, prune it, it will need all your care, skill, attention, and your fondest hopes and plans will grow up with it, and blast your fondest hopes. Remember that this is a *trust*, for which you must render an account.

Without overtaxing information, what can you expect but the most luxuriant growth of surely vegetation, which has brought out more in all manner of disgrace. What but that *anger*, like a prickly thorn, will ruin the temper with violence of unbridled passion, and *pride* as a stinging cattle, will render the conversation irksome and befuddling; that *avarice*, like some checkers weed, will entwine itself around all the bonds to oppress that *revenge*, like some poisonous plant, replete with baneful juice, will spread its action, which will prove destructive to its neighbor, while *unbridled lusts*, like swarms of noisome insects, feast each rising thought, and destroy every virtuous germ that would grow and continually flash are the productions of an uncultivated mind.

If the picture which we have been considering, could be effectually commended to the minds and hearts of a single generation, so as to be realized in action, what a change would take place in the social condition of our race exhibit! what a mighty stride would have been made towards the attainment of the height of happiness, which the harp of prophecy has for ages sounded! The hard lot of poverty would be softened, the degeneracy of the race would be changed into a progress to the sunlight of inward peace, and a fallen race reared for honor, glory and immortality

JOSHUA WOODLIN

THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION

BY W. A. M

The National Convention of colored men called to meet at Washington for Jan 10th, has been held, and its proceedings are now before the country and the world.

The convention was composed of splendid material No other convention has ever been held, and none which has brought out same so prominent and able men as this has done.

Delegates presented themselves from all portions of the country, and all seemed imbued with the true spirit of patriotism, liberty and humanity. The earnestness and solidity of the rank and file, made the work less for the aspirants, of which we were plentifully supplied, and the able, dignified and able bend of J. Mercer Langston, the President of the convention, threw warm pressed Prof Rhodes, of Ohio, Rev. J. C. Rose pittsgold," I guess. Mrs. Rose enjoyed the joke as much as any one, of course it was done accidentally.

My next "impression," will be of Brooklyn's notes. I saw the model of the Lucretia monument, at Sconon, by Miss Hosmer, which I assembly hope will be erected in memory of the people throughout the country I will try to give a graphic description of it in my next, if you have it not already.

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MR BURKE Upon the question of the National Equal Rights League Convention of Capitol Men held at Washington, January 10, 11, and 12, 1867.

In presenting this very important petition I shall not enter if I call this assemblage of the Senate especially to the present They are this

Wherever your jurisdiction extends, and especially throughout all the Territories lately in rebellion where States are in the course to be reconstructed, and the whole subject of the rights and privileges of citizenship is to be adjusted there we ask you to secure to our people the full suffrage and all the rights and privileges of American citizenship equality before the law of our country

Why they proceed to say

"Permit us further to remind you that the Legal whites throughout the portion of our country lately in rebellion entirely with our views, implore you to make the election franchise impartial; they regard it as the only means of securing to be essential to their own safety as well as to that of the loyal people. The only solution of the situation of civil government and the secondary and loyal citizens is in the enfranchisement

In enforcing this prayer the petitioners dwell with admirable effect on the promises of the Declaration of Independence, which they ask Congress to carry out, and they conclude as follows:

"We ask a reconstruction, therefore, guaranteed which, founded on impartial justice, brings the whole people into the loyal ranks, secures happiness and prosperity to our common country, and thus gives strength and harmony to the relations of the American freedmen. One plan of holding these papers to be master-pieces But I venture to say, as I have already said in papers that came laid before Parliament, there were none to which the language was more universally applicable than to this memorial and to the resolutions adopted at the same time by the convention That convention was held here in Washington, and was composed of delegates from seventeen States, it is perhaps the first time in American history that so many colored men have met in the national capital in order to plead the cause of their race before the authorities of the country

The States and that seventeen States were represented. There were Kansas, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and California and Nevada, the latter of Colombia The number of delegates was large, over a hundred and entered on by two young men, who, about eight o'clock in the morning, take a rug of coffee in bed In the course of an hour they are followed by the chairwoman, by among the cabins, and curse and the whole city of the bride who have not gone to bed, who are, like Sardanapalus, master down to a grocery, and spend a couple of hours with a pack of greasy suits, and the usual accompaniments of that delightful resort. Then they go to their places, giving directions as to the work, &c. dinner, return to the grocery, cards whiskey and the sensational debt, and so on for the night. The same programme substantially every day. Those are the class of men who, on every occasion, complain of the want of servants and of the work unless you are allowed to make one" I have met, since I have been here many northern men, who have told me that they were on the first time, this year. The crop has been, generally, nearly a failure, on account of the unfavorable season, and they have found that many of the people has be compelled them to have the country, with more persons, they has generally succeeded better than the year previous, and I have not heard from any of them the complaint that "niggers won't work" Many of them complain of petty annoyances, and all have to set all eyes on they in their native sentiments, are relentlessly excluded from all social intercourse I do not know of any case of a white man being driven from employment, on the absolute impossibility of bringing in justice, through the courts, any offender, for outrage committed upon any person who owns a man, begets a feeling of insecurity

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Many who have heretofore been planters are now coming to the city to engage in trade, having become disgusted with a year's experience of free labor.

A conversation between two of the class I overheard in the cars the other day, on Mississippi a few days ago, will serve to illustrate the universal feeling in this region of country among the planters. The conversation was about as follows

Said one, "I have been trying this season to get on without whipping, but I can't do it

If Not one's a quarter of a crop, and I don't mean to run again Planters aint what it used to be."

"A No, it aint I'm going to sell out as soon as I have a good chance, and go to the city and live on niggers won't work unless you can make em

B And they are so unwise Of course if one was to offer me a dowry in cash I should be willing to marry him

A Of course, of course

B. But they are so aggravatin, I cant stand it for a great while. Mr. President, that Lord Chatham, when the papers of the American Revolution were laid before him, declared from his seat in Parliament that there was nothing in the political history of mankind which he had read with more respect and admiration His proposition to submit those papers to be master-pieces But I venture to say, as I have already said in papers that came laid before Parliament, there were none to which the language was more universally applicable than to this memorial and to the resolutions adopted at the same time by the convention That convention was held here in Washington, and was composed of delegates from seventeen States, it is perhaps the first time in American history that so many colored men have met in the national capital in order to plead the cause of their race before the authorities of the country

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PUBLIC SENTIMENT IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

A Northerner visiting New Orleans for the first time cannot fail to receive an entirely new impression of the character of the South. The effects of the rebellion and of the consternation with which the leaders of the movement received the overthrow of their plans, on that May morning in 1865, are literally written all over the face of society. The whole social fabric of Farragut made its appearance on the Mississippi and the Crescent City lay at its mercy. Society has literally been turned upside down, and nowhere is this more manifest than in the metropolis of the South—a state of social and moral anarchy exists, which is the legitimate result of the long years of political misrule which preceded the war. The men who, in other days that are dead, were the leaders of society, were the men who, in other days that are dead, were the leaders of society, were the men who, in other days that are dead, were the leaders of society, were the

shown from your pulpit? Or, if he has sent it to you, will you please to send it to another, and so on, until it has gone the rounds of your town? You will thereby do much to wake up the world to its duty. How many are placed to stand up before your people, to those who know based but now to go to the Sabbath Station of Christ!

Fellow-laborer, your fire is hot to and zeal for the Master. I do not mean merely that in the heat that is now upon you, an opportunity for speaking a word for Christ is not even shorter than the little span of your life. Other circumstances are such that I can not speak the assembly word. Your memory may carry and inform me that you have not from any possibility of a manifest testimony. How long may be the period of silence that you left in quiet it is which it may be possible to speak for Christ. What will be the number of opportunities of hearing witness, write them, for they may be very few.

Miss of wealth, in the time in which in which you are called to part with your possession, he will be beyond the reach of your influence, beyond all but your prayers. Even before he was cut from being your wealth will be done—the soul will be set. Now that little soul is placed in the hands of yours as the clay is in moulding into toys. Your tones of voice, the sentiments you express, the tempers you exhibit, are shaping his tender character. He is to be your joy or grief. But in a little time, yes, almost before he has done looking at your face to-day or to-night, the great bulk of your work in him will be done. Perhaps now, as you bow him in singing about the house, you may think with the consciousness that his character has already begun to stiffen into habits, that already he is beginning to be bowed your influence. Yet that is not so much as you

Poetry.

WEIGHING THE BABY.

BY MRS. C. A.

"How many pounds does the baby weigh—
Skicy, who owns but a month ago?"
How many pounds from the morning sun?
To the top pens of the mother's eye?

Grandfather ties the kerchief's knot,
Tenderly guides the swinging weight
And carefully sees for glance or word
To send the record, lovely sight.

Softly the echo goes around;
The father laughs at the tiny girl
Too fair, poor thing, for the work-a-day world.
While grandmother smooths the golden coil—

As changing above the precious thing,
Spoke a love with a prayer,
Whispering softly, "Little one,
Grandfather did we weigh you fair

Nobody weighed the baby's smile,
Or the love that came with the helpless cry,
Nobody weighed the threads of care
From which a woman's life is spun

No index tells the mighty worth
Of a little baby's quiet breath—
A soft, unconscious unreason,
Patient and faithful until death

Nobody weighed the baby's soul,
For here on earth no power is given
That could avail; that only knows
Its value to eternity.

Only right pounds to hold a soul!
That needs an angel's silver wing,
Has stature in the human grasp
Within us frail and needy a thing.

Oh, mother, laugh your merry note
As gay and glad, but don't forget
From baby's eyes look out a soul
That claims a home in Eden yet.

—*Boston Morning Gideon.*

The Family.

THE SNOW STORM.

It was a dark December night, wild and stormy. Ever since mid-day the storm had fallen with unsparing perseverance and now lay deep on the ground. I had been detained at my office later than usual, and had to cross a dreary moor for some two miles to reach my home. I confess I felt chilled at the prospect of such a walk in such a storm; but, wrapping my plaid around me, and set it fast, I set forward, taking the windward side of the light little home I should soon reach, and the dear ones who were waiting my return with a loving welcome. Soon I left the busy town and its many lights behind me, and the road became more lonely and more. The snow lay much deeper here on the uninclosed moorpath, and seemed to grow more heavily than before—so thick and blinding that I found perpetually myself turning from the proper roadway, and with difficulty retraced my steps; the cold felt keener also, and a sharp east wind had risen. I knew I grew almost breathless with the struggle, and had to pause for gathering strength ere I forced the storm once more. At length I rejoiced to see the guiding post, which was placed where three roads met, and against which I was thankful to lean for a few seconds, until I had recovered breath. I was just on the point of starting off again, when a faint sound of a human voice caught my ear. Startled, I listened, but all was still. I shaded my eyes with my hand, and stared anxiously into the surrounding darkness; but naught could I discern but a wilderness of snow, and I was just concluding my imagination had deceived me, when again the same moment saw floating through the air. Feeling sure, with the guide-post close by, I could scarcely lose my way, I hastened forward in the direction of the sound, and soon distinctly heard a child's voice repeating the Lord's Prayer. It had a strange effect in such a storm at such a place, and my heart beat high when the gentle "Amen" was said.

I called out, "Whose voice is that?" but there was no reply. I called again, more loudly than before, and then the timid answer came, "Johnnie's," and a few steps brought me to by some eight years' old, standing shivering in the snow

"My poor little man," I said, "are you all alone?"

"No," he replied, "Nally is here, but she grew so cold and tired I could not get her on, and now she is fast asleep. I felt sleepy too, but thought I would say my prayers first." And as I stooped down to the bundle the snow has half-hidden and so being, "Nally," he whispered softly, "the Jesus sent you."

"Surely He has," I answered, "and you not, said your prayers, Johnnie, you might both have perished. But how came you here, my boy?"

"We went into town this morning, to see grandma. It was snowing then," he said, innocently, "or mama won't let me."

"And where is your home?" I asked, "and who is your father?"

"Farmer Bolthead," he replied; "a mile at High Farm."

"High Farm" happened to lie on the road to my own house, so I told Johnnie we would go home with him. He replied with pleasure, he kenel my name, and remarked to himself, "How well I am glad I stopped here!"

I found Nelly, indeed, half asleep, wrapped in a heavy cape, which the devoted little fellow had doubtless himself of in his endeavor to keep her warm. Nor could I indeed blame it as in such a storm as ours was Nelly tenderly in my arms, and, wrapping her in my great plaid, gathered it close to my bosom prepared to carry her.

"Now, Johnnie," I said, "you keep hold of the skirt of my coat, and we will soon be at High Farm."

The cold seemed to have become more intense, the falling snow more dense than ever. Mindful that I must keep up on my side though the sow by the time reached up to his knees. I tried to cheer him as we trudged along, but I felt the drag upon my coat becoming greater, and I was afraid his strength and heart were failing him—then a suppressed sob broke from him, and he clung more closely to me. I bent down, trying to soothe and comfort him.

"You are a brave little man," I said, "we will soon reach the farm now. Think of the bright fire there, the nice warm milk and bread and mother's loving kiss, all waiting for you."

"I cannot walk further," he sobbed "Oh, take Nelly home, but let me lie down here. I will say my prayers again, and perhaps Jesus will send some one else to help me."

No, no, I cried distressed, "you cannot leave you behind, Johnnie; you must make a effort more, just more to try for Nelly's sake. You are now, held me fast around the neck, and whip hard to make me go on." And again I started forward endeavoring to keep him awake with questions and sallies, but I felt the additional burden in such a storm was becoming beyond my already exhausted strength, when suddenly a wavering speck of light shot out of the darkness, then vanished, then appeared once more, becoming nearer and brighter. I hallooed loudly, and my shout was answered, and Johnnie rallied out in a faint and glad voice, "Oh, that's father!" And, happily, so it was, the poor father, becoming alarmed at the lengthened absence of his children, had started with his two men and a lantern in search of them, and got as near as thankfulness fell from his eyes when he beheld his loved ones. John on was at once taken into his loving arms and a quarter of an hour's walk brought us to the farm, where the anxious mother received us. Nelly was soon aroused by the warmth and light of the great fire, little or none the worse for the night's adventure; but poor Johnnie was quite exhausted, and it was long before he recovered.

Here was the gratitude of the honest people for the and I had afforded their beloved children; my daughter was presented with sleep would have been hidden in the snow ere their father had reached them, and most inevitably he perished but for the prayer of his little Johnnie, trusting, simple heart and promptings which had led him to pray with God's blessing, of my saving them.—*Merriam*

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A venerable clergyman of New England was asked upon his death-bed, if there was any thing remarkable in the manner of his first becoming interested in religion. He paused and feeble, he raised his head a little from the pillow, and, with tears running down his withered cheeks, made the following reply:

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WHERE IS YOUR BOY?—We saw him last late in the evening, in the company of very bad boys, and he was in bad company. He was on the street corner, with a cigar in his mouth, and he was using profane language. We saw him, and we wondered if you knew where he was and with whom he associates. Dear friend, do not lay aside your paper, your book, your pen or ledger, as to neglect *that boy*. He will be a young man soon. Remember, that boy will not bring proper parental restraint to bear upon his character. Your society, Sabbath, and public school-teachers can help you, but you *must do most of it.*

Miscellaneous.

INTEMPERANCE AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It is a fact that intemperance is running away with the nation. It is said that sixty thousand die annually, one hundred thousand go to prison, one hundred thousand to the almshouses, five hundred thousand are, and a hundred families are committed every year, through drink, while still appetite for strong drink And the starting point to counteract this great evil is with the rising generation. The motto in each Sunday-school should be, "Touch not, taste not, handle not." the example of the children's parents. Impressed with the danger of rising intemperance, they drink. We cannot begin too early. And if it will help in the great work of reform, we say to young, or old, and to parents, have a temperance pledge in every Sunday-school, and we should get all the boys and girls we can to sign it. Girls need to sign it, because a young woman may do more harm than a young man may do, for she has almost impossible for a young man to refuse the glass of wine presented by the fair hand of woman. It is the first glass that does the mischief. Take the pledge in the Sunday-school? Yes. Take it in the church? Yes. Have a roll of honor in the school. Get a large piece of parchment or paper, and put it up in a conspicuous place in the schoolroom, and at the roll of honor. Get the temperance pledge at the top, signed by the pastor, superintendent, the teachers, and endeavor to get all the scholars to add their names. And in this way, we can get all to see his name there, on the roll, and will feel that his honor is at stake, and be strongly urged to resist temptation. But, with all these efforts, we must ever feel that, unless we can feel the influence of the Holy Spirit, there is no hope of escape from any of the vices by which hell is surrounded.—*T. Rumphrl.*

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS.

At one of the posts I visited in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, I found only three or four. There was a Town, which I was anxious that I intend to interest at the movement, gathered one evening at a private house to form a local society. They were destitute of both a library and papers—thought they could not move more than a few dollars in the year.

Indeed, some thought that sum would be too much.

I thought differently, and to try an experiment, asked how many in the room would give five dollars each?

One man grew quite nervous at this, and finally replied that he was willing to—but! Generally to my surprise, however, he offered two dollars, and the whole number, *who had already added another dollar*. Others in the room grew a hen they could, until we had about six dollars.

The next morning I started out among the people and, strange to say, I received something from almost every person. One's dollar gave me fifty cents. The wife of a man who keeper gave one dollar. She also went with me to two of her neighbors, who gave one dollar each. One lad-ring man would upon the paper against his name—*Methodist*

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LEAN ON JESUS.

BY G. HOSKINS.

Trust and worry, rest to perish
Weak and helpless soul thou art!
Of thyself thou canst not flee
From the sin that clings about you;
In the fight with earth and sin,
Simply thou must learn to stand.

Upward look, and ever cherish
A heavy promise in thine heart

II

Christmas, lean thy soul securely
On thy blessed Saviour's breast:
He will give thee power and might,
He will light and strength impart,
He, beneath His gracious eye,
He will all thy wants supply.
His will happ and comfort surely,
He will grow thy joy and rest.

THE STILL BEAUTY OF NATURE.

If there could be some splendid confusion produced amid the silence of the present perfect order, if some broad consolation could begin to-night, to play off from all the temple of Nature on solitary, it would fall in showers of many colored sparks and forty symphonies, like the music of the heavens, or if some blazing and pillars would burst and gush the while the outworks of a system, and rush like a relentless and deafening cataract, and knelling the calm fleets that sail upon the infinite azure nto silence, how many thousands there are that would be filled with fear and awe, and stand aghast at the mercy there is the finger of God! They do not see any thing unusual, nothing to alarm, but the regular and steady setting of the sun, and its impression of that beauty and repose which is enough fig in the sun to spirt any quantity of flaming and fantastic jets; it spoils fill the temple of Nature with terror and awe, and time with brilliant pyrotechnics and jubilee displays, such as nothing can equal in any other hands. But the great old sun is not sufficiently valued. He is a good and orderly glorious. It reserves its fires, keeps them under the stage of its power, and sheets of flame from its high cathron, but shoots still and steadily its clean, white beams into the world. It is not exposed to from the bosom of every globe, and paint the whole system of Uranus with silver beauty.—*Thomas King*

SLEEP-WORKING.

A case is related of an English clergyman who used to get up in the night, light his candle, write sermons, correct them with many alterations, and retire to bed again, all the time asleep. The archbishop of Canterbury became a visitor to hear a sermon, who got up to compose a sermon while asleep, and, having written it, went to bed, one end to the other, or at least appeared to read, made corrections in it, scratched out lines and substituted others, and, in the end, a word which had been omitted, composed a sermon. Seven times in one night, he performed other things equally surprising.

He laid aside his soldier's life was in the habit of getting up every night and attending to his usual occupations, and then, after returning to bed; on awakening in the morning he recollected nothing of all that had been done in the night.

Martinet speaks of a sadler who was accustomed to rise in the night and work at his trade; and Dr. Prichard, of a farmer who got out of bed, harnessed, saddled his horse, and rode to market, being all the while asleep.

Dr Blackfoot, on one occasion, rose from bed, to which he had retired at an early hour, and having left the room in which they were assembled, conversed with them, and on his return entertained them with a pleasant song, without any of them suspecting him to be asleep; and he would have gone after he awoke, the least recollection of what he had done.

It is a singular, yet well authenticated fact, that a dispirited servant of Sir John Moore, many of the soldiers, actually got sustained to march along with their comrades

WATER THAT WILL NOT GROWN.

All travellers, writes a correspondent, have mentioned with admiration the particular buoyancy of the water of the Great Salt Lake, and we added to ourselves. No danger of shipwreck need ever cross the mind of those who navigate that lake; for it would be simply impossible for them to sink if there is ever such a thing. With my hands clasped together under my head I lay in the water as floated on the very surface of the lake without having to move my body above the water. Upon a warm day, and when the water is still, it requires difficulty in going to sleep upon the lake, and being yourself in the bosom of ocean as the wind permitted, only one would need an oar to keep the proper end of the sea.

It has been stated that three buckets of this water will yield one bucket of solid salt, but inasmuch as water will not hold above twenty-five per cent. of saline matter in solution, and if we added to twenty-five hundred upon the bottom, this estimate is, of course, much too high. Some of the gentlemen engaged in procuring salt, they unanimously stated that for every five buckets of water they obtained one bucket of salt, which would yield about five and twenty per cent. No visitor to the lake should omit the bath, the sensation in the water is most luxurious, and leads one to think himself floating in the air. In the way back to the city it will be as well for the bather to stop at the superb sulphur baths just outside the city, and luxuriate the recreations which will have formed upon him, by a plunge into the fine swimming bath, whose only objections are its peculiar odor and its great heat, which requires a large admixture of cold water.

A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT.

Shortly before the departure of the lamented Heber for India he preached a sermon which contained this beautiful illustration:

"Life hours is on like the stream of a mighty river. Our boat first glides down the mighty channel through the playful murmurings of the little brook and the windings of its grassy borders. The trees shed their blossoms over our young heads; the flowers seem to offer themselves to the young hands we are happy to sign and grasp eagerly at the beauty around us, but the stream hurries on and still our hands are empty. Our course is youth and manhood is along a deeper and wider flood, among more important scenes and more earnest. We are surrounded at the morning get views and explore them; but still the stream us. We are carried at some short lived disappointment. Our cry is still, on, and our joys and our griefs are alike left behind us. We long for the rest of Washington Irving.

A regiment of French soldiers, on their march to the Crimea, halted for some days in the town of Saint Denis, in France. Here, there, a sulpturer came among them. A young sculptor named Bonnet, struck with the good man's exhortations, asked for a Bible, which was, of course, given to him. The soldier put it into his knapsack, and laughter, telling the colporteur that it was all a joke; but the soldier refused to return the book, saying, "It would do to light his pipe with." Some days after he wrote, "It is a tearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Fifteen months afterward, the same colporteur stopped for a night at an inn, more than three hundred miles from Calais. The landlady was in great distress, having just lost her son, of fifteen years' age, a victim of the most tender affection. He conversed with her for a few moments, when she withdrew, but soon returned bringing a little book, which the deceased son had left to her as his precious legacy.

It was much mutilated, many pages having been torn out, the first and last, with the cover, written in large letters, was the following touching inscription: "Died 1855 Dropped at first, and badly used, but afterward, through the grace of God, the instrument of my salvation. J. L., Private in the 82nd Company of the —— Regiment of the Line."

From the condition of the little volume, it was evident that it had been carried in the case of the unsuspecting *to light his pipe*, as he had lounged in the straw of his tent, but related to his mother, this work of destruction was stopped by the reverential awe of battle, in which his regiment was to occupy the perilous post of the advance guard. He stated that at this juncture, serious thoughts came into his mind, in a very strange manner, and all at once he felt the power to read, nous whose he had tried not of the book. came to his remembrance, and he opened it. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." These were the words *into his hands*." This thought haunted him, he said, without intermission, by night or the night, and in consequence as soon as he became light in the morning he took from his knapsack the book he had repeated it, and here he became his accuser. The verses which he had read at the first light of the next morning, had been brought home to his heart by the Holy Spirit, and the young soldier's soul was severely wounded. Old things had passed away, and all things had become new. From the date *De Profundis* the soldier's life was one of prayer and praise.

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AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE.

Lord, open the door, for I follow,
I falter this side o'ried air,
In dust and straitness I lose my breath;
This life and this world are dim,
Let me into thy pastures bread and fair,
To the rain and the wind from Thy mountains free!
Lord, open the Gate to me!

There is a hollow life and trace
Than ever my heart has found
There is a nobler work than is wrought within
Those walls as observed by the firms of sin,
Where I toil thro' a captive blind and bound:
An open door to the freer land
In thy manner smile, I ask

Tell the world I'm thy child and Thy garden,
On earth not Thee still at home
When thou hondest hither Thy hallowing Eye,
My answer to each one must be the same
Thy sight a rainbow dome.
Stand ever open, O Lord, at my home door,
And tell will be tell to more!

Through the rosy portals of morning
Nine the dawn of the day,
Over the blossoming earth and the glistening sea
The praise Thou inspirest rolls back to Thee:
So come through each infinite sunrise go;
Yet, crippled and dumb, behold me well,
Dear Lord, at the Beautiful Gate.

I wait for Thy hand of healing.—
For vigor and hope in Thee.
Open wide the—for no one but me am—
Let me touch Thy robe! I shall rise and run
Through Thy bigger gate, all free and free,
Where in and out Thy beloved go,
Nor want nor wandering know.

Thyself are the Door, Most Holy!
By Thee let me enter in!
I press toward Thee with my failing strength;
Unfold Thy love in its breadth and length,
Thou life from Those let my spirit win!
To the master fair city, the Father's Heaven,
There, Lord, art the way alone.

From the deeps of unseen glory
Now I see the flowing light,
O rare, sweet winds from Thy hills that blow!
O River so calm in its crystal flow!
Calm subduedly, the depth, the height!
What joy will blow not rests no impart
When those who emerge my heart!

To be made into Thee one spirit,
In the boon that I beginning ask.
To have no Self and all one Christ—
My thoughts to echo Thy will divine—
Myself Thy servant, for my task.
Like! like! I may search through Thee, the Door,
Saved, sheltered Thy evermore!

Communications.

For the Christian Recorder.

THE OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

This Conference was organized in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 10th of September, 1831, under the Presidency of Bishop Brown. It now numbers about 4,000, and only one of its original members now living. My residence has been continually within its bounds since its organization, and I have always felt a deep interest in its prosperity. I hope, therefore, that I shall be excused from this charge of presumption in writing these few lines

This Conference, in its meeting at Chillicothe, in April last, resolved to hold its next meeting in Cincinnati; but the presiding Bishop could not then set the time of meeting; nor has he to my knowledge, as yet done it. I venture, therefore, very respectfully, to suggest to our venerable Bishop that he appoint Wednesday, the 22nd of April next as the day of the next meeting of the Ohio Annual Conference

Should our venerable Bishop be pleased to appoint that day, it will afford us the advantage of moonlight during the whole session of Conference. We also want a large attendance of some of the members travelling on the Sabbath, in order to reach Conference in due time, as we have comparatively but a few this year; and it will also be early enough in the season to enable all ministers stationed in farming districts to get their crops secured in time to plant gardens for the support and comfort of their families. Of late the price of garden products has been very high, and we have seen, in several instances, with much satisfaction, the decided advantage, in family, of a well stocked garden.

My present appointment is in the midst of a fine farming district, and the financial returns from it to the Conference have been very satisfactory; but it cannot be so this year, hewing.

1. There was an entire failure of the wheat crop last summer, causing a loss of many thousands of dollars, which is now keenly felt, in the price of bread, by every family in the district, especially the poor.

2. The great fall in the price of pork has seriously embarrassed many who bought hogs at a high price in the summer, to fatten with their abundant crop of corn for the fall market; but it failed, and they now suffer the loss of both wheat and corn.

3. The Government location which were being so lavishly expended last year have run out, and those who were in any way benefited by them enjoy them no more. Hence our hope of money for the benefit of Conference this year is in the manufacturing districts, and I am sorry to say that those who are fortunately stationed in them, will not accordingly

LEWIS Wolfrey.

Xenia O., Jan. 23d, 1867.

THE NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE

The executive bureau of the National Equal Rights League met on Monday in the chemical laboratory of the Smithsonian Institution. Present: John M Langston, Esq, president, also, Rev. J. W. Loguen, Rev. George H. Washon, A. S. Brown, J. T. Mahoney J T Bapier, Rev D. W. Anderson, and Rev H W Beecher.

In the absence of the recording secretary, Professor Vashon was appointed acting secretary.

The president urged the necessity of the members of the bureau laboring earnestly in behalf of the league in their several localities; after which, at his suggestion, a motion was made and carried, that the country be distributed for the several purposes of the N. E. R League.

On motion of Rev J W Loguen, it was unanimously voted that there be six districts, as follows:

1st. The six New England States.

2d. The four Middle States, Maryland and Virginia.

3d. West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

4th. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Florida and Arkansas.

5th. The District of Columbia.

6th. The District of Columbia and the Territories

The bureau then proceeded to make appointments of superintendents for the several districts, as follows:

1st. Rev. Leonard Grimes, of Massachusetts.

2d. William Nesbit, of Pennsylvania

3d. Charles H. Langston, of Kansas.

4th. David Pickett, of South Carolina.

5th. Philip A. Bell, of California.

6th. Solomon G. Brown, of the District of Columbia.

J. T. Rapier having expressed a desire to resign his position in the executive bureau in favor of Abraham Smith, of Nashville, Tennessee, his resignation was received, and the vacancy was filled as required.

The several associations in the interest of the equal rights movement were taxed as follows: 1st Pennsylvania, \$100; 2d League, Oberlin, Ohio, \$10; State League of Ohio, \$50; do. of Indiana, \$50; do of Kentucky, \$50; do. of Tennessee, \$50; do of Missouri, \$50; do of New Jersey, \$25; do. of Missouri, \$50; do of Tennessee, \$50; do. of North Carolina, \$50; do of South Carolina, do. of Virginia, \$50; do of Maryland, \$50; do of Louisiana, \$50; Georgia R E League, \$100.

The President paid in \$14 on account of the Lorraine county E R League, at Oberlin, Ohio.

On motion, adjourned.

LETTERS FROM JUDGE CHASE, SENATOR SUMNER AND BISHOP PAYNE.

A number of letters from the absent, the meeting of the convention on Saturday, among which were the following:

LETTER FROM SENATOR PAYNE.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, Jan. 7th, 1867.

John M. Langston, Esq., President of the N. E. R. League:

My Dear Sir: Yours of the 17th ult has been received. In your request me to attend the National Convention of Negroes about to be convened at the seat of Government, and if not convenient to me, to address you "a letter containing" my views with regard to the two great questions now pending.

I regret to say that my obligations to the University, which we are diligently laboring to make a success, compel me to remain at home during the winter, and, therefore, I am pressed to lay before you my views concerning what I conceive to be the means of the N. E. R. L.

In the absence of the constitution of the league, I infer its mission from its name to be *the enfranchisement of the colored race* of the N. E. R. L.

The whole mission, but its execution is difficult. Those upon whom we have to operate are numerous, rich, powerful, and politically strong. Those who favor us are comparatively few, while they are really poor and despised.

Nevertheless, the duty of the league is to labor morning, noon, and night—in season and out of season—by every effective agent and every lawful means, to produce a radical change in the public mind and a radical change in the constitutions of the several States where colored men are now politically outlawed.

That freedom is a sheer humbug unless the ballot is seen by what is now transpiring throughout the South. In Maryland, in Louisiana, in Tennessee, black men are driven by the order of the class of men whose business is to protect the weak against the aggressions of the strong. Such protection is denied and held in slavery in defiance of the Constitution of the United States, and that, too within fifty miles of Washington city. In all the rebel States colored men are liable to be whipped, not murdered at the will of impulsive rebels and the General Government cannot or will not deliver them. That this state of things will continue, we need the colored men of the land are universally enfranchised is a certainty so that the spirit of slavery still rules the South, and that the dominant class believe themselves born to dictate and mainly posture or no posture, law or no law, Constitution or no Constitution.

How long this state of things will exist I know not, certainly until there be a radical change in the public mind North and South. But how shall this change be brought about. By labor, faith, and prayer. This is the work, the duty, the obligation of the N. E. R. League, and it is of every man, and every association of men who has consecrated his or their energies to the God-like work of elevating humanity, because it is humanity.

I say labor, there is no success without this. And yet it is true there is no success but in God's time. Hence we have there is no successful faith without prayer to him who holds the issues in his hands, as butter flowers in the hands of a boy. Let us prayerfully to be resolved in seeking in the purposes of his unspeakable wisdom and unfathomable love.

Himself his noblest descendent of a band of enslaved souls that have cast off the yoke of a slave—supported, despised, rejected of men like a cause. He is prepared to sympathize with the insulted and oppressed of all lands, all colors, all races, and he will completely break the yoke and the oppressor of this land as he has done the broken hearted tyrant of Egypt and his host. Now, my dear sir, in distant position, I speak as an ambassador. I am, therefore, compelled to declare "celestial citizen" elevate. This is not its mission. It is to elevate this nation by making the poorer colored man's interest identical with the ballot. To defend one's life, liberty, property, is as inherent in the soul itself in time of war the sword is the weapon of defense; in time of peace, the ballot. Therefore, he who deprives or attempts to deprive the one or the other, be he an enemy, an oppressor, a despot. This is true and free if Washington were now Republican, aristocrat, king, or President.

The blundering policy of the American people still makes them hesitate to deal in justice and equity with the black man; but the time is coming in this country, and in the recent action of Congress touching the District of Columbia is an evidence of this progress toward the goal of eternal right, that the noble band of patriotic and thorough patriots whose utterances, whose labors, and whose votes have completely emancipated the central point of the great Republic from the grasp of the enslaver and the rule of the oppressor. The institution of slavery and prejudice may sneer at them, misrepresent them, but history and posterity will enroll them among the greatest benefactors of mankind.

The action of the National Legislature in the case of the League and the action of the colored members of the Massachusetts' delegation.

Let these facts inspire the members of the National Equal Rights League to renewed labor, effort, and faith. Let correspondence with the others of another year, the faith of another prayer, and the fervent prayers of another.

He who led Israel through the waste, howling wilderness still leads the way, and holy freedom before his resistless arm every foe must flee. Let every man of the league be a side of this oppressor's all sink like Pharaoh's hosts. Let every man, like Moses, lift up his rause look to him for succor, they shall not look in vain.

May morning wisdom inspire the counsels of the League and the convention, and may the arm of Omnipotence be with you for salvation victory. Fraternally yours,

PAYNE.

LETTER FROM HON. S. P. CHASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1866.

Dear Sir:—I have received your letter of the 26th instant, asking an expression of my opinion respecting the right of suffrage of the colored people of the United States, known as the National Equal Rights League, the object of which, as you state, is "to secure the extent of civil and political equality, through the instrumentality of those agencies which the colored people themselves are able to wield in exchanging public opinion, through the newspaper, the lecture, the petition, and the ballot box, by judicious effort."

I am sure you do not ask this for your own satisfaction, for you must know me too long to doubt my approval of every honest and judicious effort on the part of the colored citizens of the United States to secure the recognition of the civil rights and political rights to which they are justly entitled, and I know of no civil or political rights to which any citizen is entitled which the complexion, or color, can be reasonably denied to another.

While individuals, by individual efforts and by force of individual character, may do much toward securing this recognition, there are manifest and great advantages in efforts which shall be made by the members united.

Much, therefore, may be hoped from your League, if its action be guided by wisdom, and if the members, fired by generous zeal and generous self-sacrifice, "run each one his race, as a noble thing, in your own language," to the goal of victory. Success is to be won by ordered and disciplined life, and to secure that which is valuable in life, there is no substitute to the accomplishment of its great objects.

I have no doubt that every man, woman, and child in the country will be best promoted by the fullest recognition of their civil and most complete protection of all rights for all men.

I am, dear sir, very truly yours,

S. P. CHASE

John M Langston, Esq., President of National Equal Rights League.

LETTER FROM SENATOR SUMNER

WASHINGTON, December 2, 1866

Dear Sir:—I am glad that the colored citizens of the country are holding a convention, to consider how best to promote their welfare, and to secure those equal rights to which they justly aspire. There is really nothing less than a revolution. But you will succeed. The revolution must prevail. What are called civil rights have been acknowledged. Political rights are now claimed, is equally important for political rights, which must be secured, because the greatest wrong. Let the colored citizens everywhere, by their calmness, by their constancy, by their good conduct, by their temperance, by their industry, by their intelligence, by their self-respect, by their union, by their organization, by their conventions, by their petitions, by their appeals to the country, by their newspapers, by their speeches, by their votes, by their universal manhood, show that they are worthy of the ballot, and that they will use it for the benefit of their country, and for the good of all its citizens.

Yours truly,

CHARLES SUMNER.

J M Langston Esq.

BISHOP CAMPBELL'S LETTER TO THE NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

We copy the following letter from the New Orleans Christian Advocate:

THE AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH

We publish the following statement from Bishop Campbell, of the African M. E. Church explaining the knotty point on which the Bishop differs between his Church and the Northern Methodists. If the African M. E. Church still holds out the fair terms of union it is not unlikely that the Northern Methodists will shortly accept them.

Mr. Editor: Be pleased to allow me through the columns of your paper, to correct, if possible, a false impression which has been made upon the minds of many friends and well wishers of the M. E. Church, South, and upon the minds of many of our members of the A. M. E. Church, by publication at an article in the Christian Advocate over the signature of Rev W. Capers, D. D. pastor of St. Paul's Church, New Orleans.

The Dr writes an article favoring the union of the M. E. Church and the A. M. E. Church, and informs his readers that Dr. Ames has succeeded in getting the Northern Methodists, and that Bishop Ames is now in this city to consummate the union. I am sorry to tell them that Bishop Ames of the M. E. Church, South, has not succeeded in the A. M. E. Church, have both spoken in advocacy of said union. I can say nothing relative to the views of Bishop Ames, but I am free to state my own views upon that subject.

As a minister of the Methodist family, I am heartily in favor of the permanently organized union among all the various branches of that family, wherever the same can be successfully accomplished. I am free to say, in regard to the union of the Northern Methodists among the colored people, that this is a matter which can be accomplished by the Northern Methodists themselves, and by no other people. I have had, for many years, a large experience and observation among them, that this is the universal feeling and sentiment of every intelligent minister of the Methodist of the A. M. E. Church.

I have also had the proposal my sentiments by word or letter, contrary to those expressed in the above statement of the Dr. article, to Dr. Crary or any others party or parties connected with the membership of forty-two years in the Church.

In an incidental interview I had between Dr. Crary and myself on the other, Dr. Crary distinctly stated to me that the union of the M. E. Church and the A. M. E. Church—extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific—was a union, and introduced the names of other prominent ministers of the M. E. Church, who favored the views, and who had both spoken and written upon this subject. At that time, the Rev. Dr. Crary was present at an interview or exchanged any words with the Rev. Dr. Ames, and the union of which I proposed was that the Bishops, Elders, and members of the M. E. Church, should be received into full membership in the M. E. Church, and that the ministers and members of the A. M. E. Church should be received into that church with all their official functions, and that their colored brethren, they should be allowed to exercise the same functions among the white members of the Church. The white bishops to preside over the white conferences, the colored bishops should preside over the colored conferences of colored men—and the same rule should be carried out in the quarterly stations, that is, white pastors for white churches, and colored pastors for colored churches composed of colored persons.

He submitted the proposition to me, and asked what I thought of it. I told him that, told him in the presence of Rev. M. M. Clark, Rev. Mr. Langston, and many more of the two churches did not suit me, but the power whom I represented; that we were now as to our quarterly conferences, and our annual letters of colonization in the church or State which we were located, and that this was the only ground upon which we could or would be willing to unite with the M. E. Church, would be that the Bishops, Elders, preachers and people, should be received into full membership in that church, and that the bishops and other ministers should have the right and exercise their functions in their office in the Church, in common with the white bishops and ministers, without any distinction whatever being made on account of race or color.

Such was the substance of my remarks to Dr. Crary, and to which the Dr. said, that was the difficulty to be overcome. On the matter of receiving the colored bishops and ministers into the white conferences, I have not any distinction being made on the account of race or color, so that black Bishops could preside over white conferences, and black ministers could preside over white churches and congregations; that neither the white nor the colored bishops should have

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Rev. James Lynch, Editor

Philadelphia, Saturday, Feb. 2, 1867.

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NOTE THIS, WELL.

A great many persons who subscribe for the Christian *Recorder*, and do not get it are at fault themselves. Why?

Ans. (1.) They do not go to the post-office to inquire for it.

(2.) They frequently change their place of residence from one town or State to another, from one street to another, and never inform us of the fact.

Now do not tell every body you meet that you have subscribed for the *Christian Recorder* and get it, but let us know and you shall have it.

Remember there are some vile negro-hating, mush-mouthed, white-livered, mealy-mouthed, whiskey-loving clerks who think it beneath their "dignity" to deliver a "colored newspaper." There is a way to bring this small-headed, little-hat, and short-tailed coat gentry to their senses. Put some substantial Radical on their track, and they will make many promises of good behaviour in the future than were ever made by a Fenian before an Assize court in the British realm.

PITTSBURG, PA.

We propose to our next issue to say something about the wonderful work which has been wrought in this city by the Rev. J. P. Quidgeon, through the blessing of God. It is such magnitude that we feel inclined to give it more than a hasty notice.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

Temperance societies are being organized in many parts of our country among our people. The colored people of Chicago are a little ahead of any other place on the subject of temperance: public sentiment almost compels a man to join the temperance society. An account of their societies will be found elsewhere. We had the honor of addressing them on this all-important subject recently. Let our ministers aid in the formation of temperance societies every where, that intoxicating drink may not find victims among our people.

THE FAIR AT CINCINNATI.

The editor returns his sincere thanks on behalf of those he represents, to the ladies of the Fair at Cincinnati, for the kind notice the *Christian Recorder* in getting printing material. The proceeds are hundred and forty dollars and sixty cents, and we assure you, will be applied to no other purpose, as we pledged the public at the outset. This is the first moment we get for printing material, and we trust that it will be a useless errand which a sufficient amount will soon gather.

We shall ever remember Cincinnati. The warm-hearted Christian friends we have made there will ever be dear to our hearts.

IMPORTANT ADMISION

The *Christian Advocate*, the principal official organ of the M. E. Church, and perhaps the most influential, makes the following important admission in its issue of Jan 24th:

"To our personal observation, it has always seemed that there was a fine place for colored people in the Methodist Episcopal Church within the free States."

How inconsistent, then, is the opposition which is bitterly and persistantly carried on in many quarters against the organization of the A. M. E. Church, which is simply the organized effort of colored man to disseminate divine truth among their brethren?

REV. J. SELLA MARTIN.

A paper published at Bailey, England, has the following:

"The Rev. Sella Martin, a gentleman of color from the United States of America, will gave a lecture on Wednesday evening, in our Town Hall, on "The Late War in America, the present state of political parties, and the prospects of the negro race." Mr. Martin is a mulatto, a person of great intelligence, and gifted with rare powers of speech. He was introduced to the audience —a very large one—by the Rev. James Rae, who had met with him at a meeting recently held for the benefit of the Freedmen's Aid Society, for which Mr Martin is at present lecturing in this country. Mr. Joseph Parker, who had been announced to preside, not being able to attend through indisposition, his place was taken by Mr Rae."

OUR AMUSEMENT.

If editorial duties require a continued excitement and that it ought to get more and more so, we are compelled from time to time to ply the amusement which the *Christian Recorder* has furnished to its frequent additions to the editor, during a recent absence of three months.

Had we believed in "Spiritualism," we would have supposed that some being from the unknown world, was daily visiting our sanctum, and addressing himself to our task strength and clerks. Dust.

The editor is flying over the whole room for we frequently hear *Sic it be going to Ohio*. He will leave his publishing house, property and friends, and with the pot-hooks of a few subscribers around his edge and settle on the golden sands of California or among the sparkling rivers of Missouri? *No letter will reach him, though he tells you where to send them. Your only hope will be to find him.*

Now we do not believe in "spiritualism," and, therefore, do not believe that the kind unknown world sends for amusement which the *Recorder* has furnished during our absence, by the editor himself. It is the editor and we must bestow the honor on the dear Saviour to whom, at his own request, we gave the charge at the editorial departure when we left for the West. It has afforded us the heartiest, loudest and longest laugh we have had for many days. It will appear that our dear colleague was *stuck on* giving us this laugh, for he hurried up to the matter, so will be seen from the following:

the 19th of Jan the *Christian Recorder*, in the leading editorial column, said:

"The editor has been lying quite ill at Galena, Ill., last is recovering, and expects to be here soon to be in Philadelphia."

Feeling that the week state in which his might reach this city would require a tonic, our thoughtful editor *pro tem* penned, in four days after the appearance of the above statement, the following

WHERE IS BROTHER LYNCH?

"It is now a month since the editor since he started on a tour to increase the subscription list of the *Recorder*. We are greatly in need of means. Will he not forward us the money he has on hand? By so doing he will greatly facilitate our cause."

The appeared in the issue of the 26th of January, having been put to press a day or two before the paper with the above advertisement for the editor was off the press, the editor was sitting quietly at his family hearthstone, just as the *Recorder* published he would be, in its issue which appeared four days after the editorial announcement.

Don't laugh too severely, dear friends; improved drill will be shown one of these days, as our concern is best on improvement.

The Jeff Philadelphia, Oct. 25th, '66, making up to Jan 26th, three months' absence.

OUR WESTERN TRIP.

We arrived at Philadelphia on Friday of last week, the 25th of January, and must confess to some feeling of delight, at also regaining the society of our numerous friends. The reception of duties which have already become familiar and pleasing.

This Western trip has caused an absence of three months from our office, and yet it has been of the greatest value, indeed, we have obtained a knowledge of the wants, feelings and condition of the country, and its connection, which is indispensable to an editor of our Church organ. We have found out to what extent posters may be relied on to support our connectional enterprises, how much kind-minded and public-spirited men are, and how others may not be so generally endowed with these qualities

Though confined chiefly to our travels in a portion of the Ohio Conference district, we have succeeded in stirring up an increased interest, and adding scores of subscribers. The most influential journals of the State have claims. We return to our office with a deeper love for our people, than was ever before possessed. We believe that they will support our enterprise established for their elevation, intelligence, have warmest, honest, and energetic leaders.

It is noticable that nearly all of our ministers everywhere in the West and the times have changed, and we have entered upon a work that requires the use of all the intellect and high toned energies, and that, to hold our own, we must have as much intellectual power *inside* of our Church as there is outside of it, and use it as an instrumentality to build up the Redeemer's kingdom. Our ministers are making rapid intellectual progress, and are developing their minds by reading and study, in many instances, equal to the most blood-and-progress circumstances the poor circuit, the embarrassed station, large and helpless district, and their personal labor, do not delve a large number from the pastoral field to the ledge. Thus, we think we are safe in saying that the time is ripe for our dear Episcopal Church to believe in an educated ministry, and that all of her leading ministers are working towards that stand, and, and whether they have accomplished all they desire or not, they still never take a single step backward, but all forward! a skull to be unbroken sound whispered by every one who knows the time of our entire ranks and we shall be surprised at the rapid march of progress, doing good work for the Master, averting the "psalm of victory" and the "crown of glory"!

METHODIST QUARTERLY REVIEW.

R. S. RHODES, A. B. EDITOR

The January number contains articles which, if perused and carefully digested, will add greatly to the stock of knowledge of even those of the highest culture. This subject of periodicals, contains the choicest religious and historical literature published in this country. We would not attempt a review of its valuable articles in a hastily penned non-sense paragraph, but simply suggest to our ministers to read the *Quarterly*.

The learned editor honors the *Christian Recorder* with a notice while reviewing his "Quarterly Book Table," which is highly prized, because the *Methodist Quarterly Review* [illegible] but deals [illegible] a second time.

Our congratulations unto the M. E. Church South, and the entire mind of our Church begins it was to remembered that this publication is a previous number of the Quarterly.

We are pleased to see the mistakes for the Christian Recorder has for the A. M. E. Church have corrected, and M. E. Church South we propose to publish it next week, with more command thereof.

A. A. BRADLEY, ESQ.

Our readers in Baltimore and Washington will learn with pleasure that Mr. A. A. Bradley who was in their midst a year ago. There has ever since trouble among the colored people in Baltimore, the public are poorly balanced, of some talent, a vast deal of courage, and not a bit of discretion. Hence, the late disturbances in that city.

We are able confidently to assert, that the sole cause of this dangerous outbreak was the presence of the notorious Mr. Bradley, whom it will be remembered, he served in such an outrageous manner last year, by inciting the poor and ignorant to violence, that he was indicted before a grand jury, and, that he was sent to Fort Pulaski by a military commission. One year, but was afterwards released by an order from the Secretary of War. Bradley, who is in our judgment, a man of talent, a vast deal of courage, and not a bit of discretion. Hence, the late disturbances in that city.

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Religious World Abroad.

ENGLAND.

A Novel Conference.—A conference will be held this month in London to consist of one or two representatives of the churches, and of the principal gaining workingmen in each, by lot or some other means, which can be done to remove the misunderstandings between the employers and the employed for public meetings and the small expenses, best fee or any other method which can be adopted to work. Disbelief in the gospel used to be attributed to the lack of accurate knowledge. It has been suggested, such as the said men they are treated in the churches, and by some of the sacred duties, and the simplest mode of evangelical instruction in the Scriptures. In order to secure the attendance of able to organize this matter and direct its efficient action. We do not see the use of a conference for this purpose, but if it can be done against political differences, and we wish it success.

FRANCE.

The Evacuation of the French Troops from Rome will not be for a long time. Napoleon has the withdrawal of French troops from Rome. The papers are doing all they can to prevent the evacuation. The Pope is not willing to be left to himself, and the Emperor is not willing to leave him to himself. The Pope is not willing to be left to himself, and the Emperor is not willing to leave him to himself. The Pope is not willing to be left to himself, and the Emperor is not willing to leave him to himself.

AUSTRIA.

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News of the Week.

EXECUTIVE.

Bills Passed by Default.—The 14 bills awaiting the signature of the President, and reported to him recently, have become laws without the approval of the President. The bills are as follows: [illegible]

Bills Signed. The President has signed the bills fixing the meeting of Congress on March 4, and appropriating $5,000 for a site for the New York Post Office.

Rejected.—The Senate has rejected the nomination of W. E. Dodge, Jr., as Minister to France, R. Flanigan as Naval Officer, and J. P. Rilgore as Marshal for Augusta, Ga., also the confirmation of Wm. Millward as Director of the Mint.

Nominations Confirmed.—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Wm. M. Evarts, Attorney-General, A. L. Saunders to be Chief Cashier of the Mint in this city.

The Treasury.—The Internal Revenue receipts for last week were $1,4 0,278.

Pardon.—The President has pardoned a Mississippi civil and military leader named Quinn, on the recommendation of Gen. Ames, the Provisional General and Governor.

The Judiciary.—The U. S. Supreme Court has decided in some history and liquor cases, that neither a license nor the payment of a penalty under the 3rd section of Congress of 1862 [illegible]

CONGRESS.

Senate.—Jan. 22.—The Public Land Committee were instructed to inquire into the expediency of [illegible]

Jan. 23.—The Land Committee reported adversely on relative to the Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee reported adversely on [illegible]

Jan. 24.—The Judiciary Committee reported adversely on [illegible]

HOUSE.

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IRELAND.

The Belfast Presbyterian Almanac for 1867, (what's going on in Belfast), has a list of 1,000 names, (a contingency), reports the Irish General Assembly's Presbyterian Church to have 540 congregations and 500 ministers, two colleges, fully equipped and endowed, (one in Belfast, the other in Londonderry), and larger number of students than any other. There are about fifty other Irish Presbyterian bodies, the greatest in Belfast, and several Scotch and dissenting Arian organizations.

Of the Synods connected with the Assembly in 1865, 2744 were of the six Ulster counties, 27,000 in Munster, Catholic and Presbyterian, 1,000 in Connaught, 2,000 in other parts. The number of the communicants is 2,000 in Belfast, 1,000 in Londonderry, 1,000 in Dublin, 1,000 in Cork, 1,000 in Limerick, 1,000 in Waterford, 1,000 in Kilkenny, 1,000 in Tipperary, 1,000 in Clare, 1,000 in Galway, 1,000 in Mayo, 1,000 in Sligo, 1,000 in Leitrim, 1,000 in Roscommon, 1,000 in Longford, 1,000 in Westmeath, 1,000 in Meath, 1,000 in Louth, 1,000 in Monaghan, 1,000 in Cavan, 1,000 in Fermanagh, 1,000 in Tyrone, 1,000 in Donegal, 1,000 in Londonderry, 1,000 in Antrim, 1,000 in Down, 1,000 in Armagh, 1,000 in Tyrone, 1,000 in Fermanagh, 1,000 in Cavan, 1,000 in Monaghan, 1,000 in Louth, 1,000 in Meath, 1,000 in Westmeath, 1,000 in Longford, 1,000 in Roscommon, 1,000 in Galway, 1,000 in Mayo, 1,000 in Sligo, 1,000 in Leitrim, 1,000 in Donegal, 1,000 in Londonderry, 1,000 in Antrim, 1,000 in Down, 1,000 in Armagh, 1,000 in Tyrone, 1,000 in Fermanagh, 1,000 in Cavan, 1,000 in Monaghan, 1,000 in Louth, 1,000 in Meath, 1,000 in Westmeath, 1,000 in Longford, 1,000 in Roscommon, 1,000 in Galway, 1,000 in Mayo, 1,000 in Sligo, 1,000 in Leitrim, 1,000 in Donegal.

SCOTLAND.

Union.—The question of the Presbyterian reunion is flagging. Large numbers of the United Presbyterians in the north of Scotland, and some of them compilation that the clergy are opposed to the union, are opposed by the congregations. The ultra Free Churchmen are still more opposed, and will have no union. The Free Presbytery of Edinburgh, has instead an overture to the assembly, which will probably be rejected by the General Assembly should make provision for the maintenance of the Free Church principles. The Bengal papers, the Friend of India, says even the British Assembly the presbyteries are Wales, and one in Ireland, believe in the same spirit and principles. Some of their presbyteries are in favor of union with the United Presbyterians, and the Free Church. The Home especially require pastors and deacons, and will be more in favor of union if they will bring into their other a tendency towards unionism. There is a movement looking toward union in progress.

GERMANY.

Rationalism—A long prayer, of a character much more practical than religious has been sent by the Berlin Government to all the Consistories of the evangelical [illegible]

The Lutheran Church of Hanover has just been gladdened by the Prussian King's announcement, in compliance with the request of the elders, that he will keep it a separate establishment, independent of the Evangelical Church of Prussia. The latter having based upon a compromise between the opposite doctrines of Luther and Calvin respecting the Divine presence in the Lord's supper, has been at variance with the Lutheran Church, and attempts to proselyted among the solid and Conservative rural districts. The secret Prussian Lutheran claim for themselves the same rights as Hanover has got, and suggest that the United Church be dissolved, and the Established Church in Lutheran [illegible]

Catholic Conference.—The Evangelische Kirchenzeitung, the Protestant Church [illegible]

Austria.—The Protestant Church [illegible]

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Poetry.

A DEAD WORKER.

BY EMILY H. BICKEY.

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POETRY

THE FIRST KNOW-FALL.

The snow had begun in the gloaming,
And lustily, all the night,
Had been heaping field and highway
With a shimmer deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm tree
Was ridged inch-deep with pearl.

I stood and watched from the window
The feathery work of the sky,
And the useless forces of man's hands,
Like beaten waves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in an ant-hillock,
Where a little headstone stood,
How the flakes were falling it gently,
An did robins sleep in the wood.

Up spoke our own little Mabel,
Saying, "Father, who makes it snow?"
And I told of the good All-Father
Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snow-fall,
And thought of the leaden sky
That sended it our first grief-storm sorrow
When that mound was heaped so high.

I remembered the gradual patience
That fell from the cloud like snow,
Flake by flake, healing and hiding
The scars of our buried woe.

Then with eyes that saw not I blessed her,
And she, kissing back, could not know
That my love was given to her sister,
Folded close under deepening snow.

—*Lowell.*

COMMUNICATIONS

For the Christian Recorder.

"THY BROTHER SHALL RISE AGAIN."

The chapter in which these words are found, is one of the most interesting and instructive that is recorded on the pages of Sacred History. When our Saviour was upon the earth fulfilling his mission of mercy and love to the children of man, there lived in the town of Bethany three members of Christian characters, a brother and two sisters—Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Though they were in this world's goods blessed with abundance, were rich in faith, and lived together happily in the enjoyment of that love which Christian brothers and sisters always feel toward each other.

Their house was a home of prayer, and their hearts fit temples for the indwelling of the Spirit of God. Beneath their humble roof the Saviour of the world often rested his weary limbs. At their sweety table the Lord of glory dined.

How happy are the righteous poor
How free from worldly care!
Their riches are in Heaven
Their bread is heavenly manna.

Jesus was their friend. His loved that faithful little band; their joy was his joy, and their sorrow was his sorrow. But in that hour of pride, as in all others, he made disease and death abound. When any of our friends or relatives are ill, it is natural (if not profane) for us to send for a skilful physician, one in whom we have great confidence, one whose success in curing disease has resulted in honors for healing the afflicted. While the afflicting hand of God was being laid upon the subjects of death, Lazarus was one whom the grim monster selected as his victim. The beloved sisters sent for the Great Physician. They knew he possessed the power of curing disease, for they had heard the sicknesses of others, he had cleansed others of the leprosy, he had caused the lame to walk, and the blind to receive sight. Their faith in his ability to cure their brother was very great. Imagine their feelings as they sat by the bedside of their afflicted brother, waiting for the coming of Jesus! See them as they raise their tearful eyelids and gaze with anxious look toward Bethsbara, in hope of seeing the Saviour coming. And O! that last lonely night before his death. They weep around his bed, while the pillow of the dying brother is moistened by their tears; they listen for the coming footsteps of the Redeemer; but in vain, for they relied, had a grander object in view than simply restoring Lazarus to health. He desired to convince his Jewish enemies that he was the true Messiah; therefore he tarried two days in Bethabara, after the messenger informs Him of Lazarus' sickness. Mary and Martha waited in vain for the Lord's coming. Hope perishes in their bosoms. Lazarus died! He is buried. The sisters mourn. Their hearts are stricken with sorrow. Yet their faith in the Saviour is firm. Jesus cometh to Bethany. Martha goes and meets him, exclaiming, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, as I pour over thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, *Thy brother shall rise again.*" Oh! what thoughts must have pervaded her sorrowful bosom, as these words fell from the lips of Jesus! No doubt she was impressed with the idea that Lazarus would be restored to life, and in order that she might be more fully informed, she saith, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus saith, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this? Martha answered, Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ the Son of God which should come into the world."

She heareth the Saviour and secretly calleth Mary, who had hitherto sat in silent sorrow She cometh to Jesus, and, falling down at his feet, with tearful eyes she repeated the words of Martha: "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." When Jesus saw her weeping, he groaned in the spirit. He felt the pangs of sorrow His heart was troubled. He cries out, "Where have ye laid him." They answered, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Oh, what love for mortal man! The Son of God weeps! He shares the sorrows of the children of men. he partakes of their grief. Well may the Jews exclaim, Behold how he loved him."

Jesus goes to the grave, and commands the stone to be removed from the cave. He prays to his Father, after which he cries with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth." He came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes. Jesus said unto them, "Loose him and let him go." What a change! But a short time had elapsed since Jesus was acting in the sphere of humanity partaking of human sorrow, but when he came to the grave of Lazarus, he is clothed with the power of Omnipotence and commanded death obey.

The loving sisters' sorrow was turned into joy. Before the sun rolled his golden light behind Judea's hills, Martha witnesses the fulfillment of the words of Jesus: "Thy brother shall rise again." When the Jews saw this miraculous display of his divine power, many of them believed on him. If ever affliction were sanctified for the good of souls, surely the affliction of Lazarus was. God afflicts whom he lureth, and "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Martha believed in the final resurrection of the dead, although it had not yet been established by the resurrection of Christ, for she plainly asserts that she knows her brother's will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Neither did she doubt the ability of Christ to raise her brother from the dead, although he had lain in the grave four days, for, said she! "even now what soever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." *Thy brother shall rise again.*" The Lord made good his promise. Six days before the passover, He and Lazarus sat at the table and supped together Who can imagine the gratitude of their hearts on this occasion! The power of God was shown forth as a token of her love. Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with precious ointment and wiped them with her hair.

What precious moments! The time for Jesus to be crucified was drawing nigh Soon the Redeemer of the world was called to the tree of the cross, and there he died for them he loved: he shed, O reader, for you and me. He arose from the dead triumphant, God, he rose again! Ho through whom Lazarus was raised from the dead was able to raise even his own dead body. He arose, and the world of starnal light and glory were dispatched to deliver our Lord and Master from the confines of the tomb. The affrighted soldiers were struck with tarror and fell as dead men, on beholding the face of that angel whose countenance was as lightning, and whose raiment was white as snow Jesus rose again He afterwards conversed with his disciples forty days, and then, as he was preached in the gentiles, was believed on in the world, received into glory

Dear reader, this world is not our home; our life here is transient We are as a vapor that appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away We are born on the very verge of the grave, and scarcely behold the light of the sun ere our cyclide close in death We are daily here travelling to a land beyond the skies. Death visiteth the heartstone of every fireside, and there leaves a sorrow and a void in the enony of all the living We cannot conquer him and live. He is the king of terrors. When we follow a friend or relative to the cemetery and deposit his lifeless remains in the cold grave, how cheering are the words of Jesus: "Thy brother shall rise again" Yes, all the dead shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Cheering thought indeed! Those who, like Lazarus, love the Lord, shall count to the resurrection of immortal life, and be permitted to enter the kingdom of eternal glory

J. M MAXWELL.

Xenia, O., Jan. 21st, 1867.

For the Christian Recorder.

AN ANUSING ARTICLE.

Mr. Editor,—My attention was called to an article headed "*Some Colored Gentlemen*" and published in the 65th issue, dated November 24th, of the colored paper published in Baltimore. It was written for the purpose *to grant*—a young man who called himself Williams ; which is the name by which his noble father is known ; before he went to Rome, and *Williams* after he came back It was a criticism neither correct, clasic, nor sensible No one would think by reading it, that its author had ever dwelt within the walls of the Propaganda ; but he professes to have done so, for never on earth was There that he is acquainted with the Latin language, and can speak the Italian, no one can deny But Mr Wanne is not one of the old Latins; neither is he an Italian He is a colored man, a native-born American; and his natural language is the English. He is saying all other points which might be noticed, let us now how he uses his native tongue in the above mentioned article and judge of the merits of his own *true* one. Not only so, but in undertaking to criticise and pull down the very purest establishment in the land, leading up of his race. Considering the number of white enemas we have in this country, we are not only certain *Shame*, on Mr Williams' but say, better, perhaps, it would have been, if he had been buried beneath the soil at Rome

Now in taking up the article in question our attention is called to the construction, and application of the following sentence in it In the first place, we notice superfluity and confusion and in the second place, according to the order of parsing the sentence is. In the first place, we notice superfluity and confusion and in the second place, according to the order of parsing the sentence is. I presume that the intention was to say in the beginning of that criticism: *Mr Editor—In if I am not mistaken, you made such a declaration in your first issue, as was uttered by a certain divine, but by the patronage of all liberals, upon every Christian denomination* This, of course, we understand him as intending to say *In keeping the law we greatly enclined and unus I wish to be understood as being not* unconscious of that declaration which you so

lately by your predecessor, according to the accounting of the times. But how does he expect to be understood ? Why, he says, 'Mr Editor—In begging a space in your most excellent paper, I do not wish it to be understood that I have any intention to subserve your original plan, a plan dictated by your prudence, liberality and knowledge of the necessity of the times, that is not to enter into any question of a religious tendency, further than a strict and due deference to received morality." In our examination of this sentence we merely say that the phrase, 'most excellent" is a very extravagant expression. But by a little closer idiomatical observance, we are compelled to wonder whether the author means, "I do not wish," or "I do wish it to be understood that I have *not any intention.*" Which does he mean ? Does he mean to say, "I have not any intention to question" or "I do not swerve from the foundation, to overturn, in ruin utterly," an editor's plan by the mere scratch of a pen? "To subvert!" Then in confusion running wid.

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He uses a verb as a little child

He uses the word "plan," as applicable to a simple ruin connected with a plan, and even says it was "dictated" by "prudence of the times that is not to enter the necessity of the times." Is the English, or is it gibberish? Then he peculiarly, incoherently and unintelligibly, puts the phrase "plan of," as the connecting link of the last clause of this remarkable sentence. In doing this, he says "Plan of," but he never says any question of a religious tendency, further than a strict and due deference to received morality" Now, we say, he never says any question of a religious tendency, further than a strict and due deference to received morality" Then why does he turn-log-up-hill-down, and say "

College on the land, let it also be assisted by a generous response that ought to be benefitted by their unparalleled success in practical sympathy with them. Let them remember that they are only invested to add to the prosperity of the concern and intrusted to increase the value of the estate property. *For the whole group cry is Aid! to the people.*

Yours respectfully
A WHITE FRIEND.

The Christian Recorder.

Rev. James Lynch, Editor

Philadelphia, Saturday, Feb. 9.1867.

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All communications for publication in the *Christian Recorder*, must be addressed to the editor, Rev. James Lynch, box 2975, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPARATUS FOR WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY —WHO WILL RESPOND?

It will be seen, from an article in another column, that "a white friend" proposes to be one of a hundred to give ten dollars to raise money to purchase suitable apparatus to illustrate the natural sciences taught at Wilberforce University.

This University, with which the public is familiar, notwithstanding the loss of its buildings by fire, is in successful operation; one wing of the building has been rebuilt, and will soon be ready for occupancy. This building has exhausted the funds, and we appeal to those who have faith in the colored man to elevate himself, to give a helping hand. Any body who will accept this proposition, may send name and money to our office, as stated in the proposition published elsewhere

BISHOP A. W. WAYMAN'S SOUTHERN TOUR.

In another column will be found the appointments of our beloved Bishop Wayman who will visit Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. We hope that our columns may succeed in giving wide publicity in the South to the Bishop's appointments, and that on each one he may meet the people assembled in overwhelming numbers. His advice and instruction cannot fail to be of great value to the cause of piety, long sagacewise, great ability, and liberal sabdivisions, eminently fit him to give it.

To our ministers laboring in the South this Episcopal visit will be of great encouragement, as Bishop Wayman is well known to them of the deep interest felt in their labors by those of the North.

THE COLORED PUBLIC SCOOLS OF PHILADELPHIA.

By an examination of the forty-seventh Annual Report of the Controllers of the public schools of the first school district of Pennsylvania, comprising the city of Philadelphia it will be seen that the number of children attending the colored public schools is only thirteen hundred and two, while the entire colored population is about twenty thousand. We are of the opinion that the colored public schools of this city are not provided for as they should be. We are aware that controls them must be sadly deficient, or there would be three times the present number of pupils in attendance. We are honestly call attention to this matter, and hope that inquiry will at once commence as to the efficiency of our colored public schools. We have not examined the last report, but think it will show but little improvement on the forty-second.

JUDGE HUGH L. BOND.

Every colored citizen as well as white, should go to hear Judge Hugh Bond lecture at National Hall, on Thursday night the 14th Instant

Let the hall be crowded, and this Apostle of Liberty in Maryland, be heartily welcomed

PITTSBURG AND CHICAGO.

We have been reapplied to postpone the publication of our articles in reference to Pittsburg and Chicago until next week.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER'S BUSINESS NOTICES.

Our business notices will be found on the third page at the head of the advertising columns. The advertisement of our business which has so long stood at the head of our list, since those of common are pushed from the first column on the next page will be carried down to accommodate placed the business and will remain its position in new type next week, this word explains the change in

THE POSITION OF THE AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH.

Most loving and satisfactory, indeed, is the position of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, by those who see fit deign to their attention. Our position can be best understood by looking at the last page we will give on our book of Discipline, and especially the revised, down to the present time. The statutes allow wide latitude, but conditions of membership, that are the life of the sect. That the religion of Christ Jesus admits of no distinction on account of color and we are happy to say, is supported by not only announced, but who profess this creed and make with distinction. The principle was made the African Methodist Episcopal Church separate and independent. Last never, during the half century of our existence, been lost sight of or abandoned. In the North, where it was possible to do so, we have fed, clothed and educated the poor, by digging from slavery to the spectators, the parading bloodhound could not scent out where we dared not shelter. Wherever there was danger of our liberty, we have felt the oppressed of the good time coming, when God would deliver. Not more than ten years ago, our ministers in New Orleans, La. sent from the North and Western Conferences, preached life and liberty to minister to our brethren there; and for their fidelity in their higher interests on account of their love of Liberty, were imprisoned by the city authorities. Bishop Payne was summoned before the Mayor of that city and ordered to leave in twenty four hours, which he did not do, but kept quiet and made his desire to elevate his brethren in bonds. Her John M Brown, now our missionary secretary, was put up, sold and fed on prison fare, for quite a length of time on account of the position of the African M E Church, and for which Bishop Payne, on the occasion, has suffered terrible persecution. Yet notwithstanding this suffering on the part of our preachers, who served colored congregations when slavery was in the height of its power, and on Northern Methodist minister would have gone near them, for Dr. Newman and others, who, up to that time were suffering increase to the sufferings of slaveholders, by studied silence to tolerance in holding slave bills—just when slavery is destroyed, and federal bayonets insure them against bodily harm, have the audacity to denounce us as "the color line" M E. Church "shows a disposition to rent with the battered consoles of their race" Let Dr Newman and his clerical associates in the Mississippi Conference of the M E Church remember, that when he was nicely settled over some planter's plantation with his wife, the Free states were dead to the groans of the colored man, as he toiled on a farm in New Orleans, or on a sugar plantation, that Rev. John M Brown, of the African M. E. Church, was dragged from the midst of their people while endeavoring their invasions, and thrown in prison by slaveholders' Year after year, did our preachers go down the Mississippi valley at the same times to travel unknown as preachers; they have been taken from the boat at certain landings, whipped and even sold into slavery yet they trusted God, were delivered, and have lived to see the day, when among these same slaveholders, there are those who will give them the hand of friendly recognition.

The Bishop of Intelligent white men in the Mississippi Conference of the M E Church, would denounce a church as unchristian of the colored race, that has such a record as the African M E. Church has in this country is truly wonderful. We do not believe they were always in favor of slavery, but on the contrary, were actuated simply by a desire to extend their own organization by its desire to extend their own organization by its desire to preach the gospel.

When Mr. Lowell took his seat in Washington, the first colored cause who called on him was Bishop Payne of the African M E Church, who expressed the desire that God would make him instrumental in breaking the bonds of the slave.

The first Anti-Slavery meeting in the District of Columbia was held in the church of which we were pastor, a few years before Congress abolished slavery in that domain of ten miles square. When, in 1862 it was proposed to release the slaves of rebels in this country in Central America, the Baltimore Conference of the A M E church unanimously protested against it. Our church was the first to send missionaries to the Freedmen of the South. Rev. James Lynch and J. D. Bland, the latter under the Freedmen's Bureau. No sooner had the cannon of Andrew of Mississippi, commenced the organization of colored regiments, than our ministers in New England, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, urged all the young men to enlist, and our ministers in Washington, were included to the absence of the loonies which were so liberally lavished in the closing years of the war. Should the Conference succeed in its efforts to annihilate, our ministers everywhere were heard encouraging our boys to join the federal army. Bishop Payne and Bishop Wayman thrilled Baltimore with the cry, "To Arms," and yet those clerical gentlemen, who now accuse us, say that it is we who suffer with, or for a well till about as long as it suits our race. The first chaplain of U S C T. was a minister of the African M E Church, the commissioning officer of him, because of his great usefulness in the Georgia Sea Islands. Rev B H Turner was the first chaplain, Rev H M Turner union by permission of missions, in the State of Georgia. Rev B F Randolph was also appointed as chaplains, are ministers of the African M E Church. Major Delaney, the only colored field officer in the United States who is retained in the army at the earnest solicitation of Major Generals Gillmore and Hatch, is a member and connected with the Freedmen's Bureau, a minister of the A M E. Church. But the strongest evidence of the loyalty of our ministers, and of their devotion to the cause of the Union, is the fact that they have to the Union Army, more than one hundred chaplains, and were from Pennsylvania alone, the first and only colored chaplains in the United States army. Rev Redman Fuse and Rev Jacob Thompson, of the Philadelphia Conference, were chaplains in the 24th regiment U S C T. Rev Abraham Fuse, Rev Jacob Thompson, Rev Abraham Fuse, Rev Jacob Thompson, Rev Abraham Fuse, Rev Jacob Thompson,

clinton about his interest in the support of bored Methodism. I thought we ought respond to mankind and the confinement at once made by a brother to me while on visit to Harrisburg were partially confirmed. Bishop McIlvee was conscientious in saying that otherwise. He as well as every one treated to our reception, our union.

2 My objection to Central Roads comes is simply the *celebrity* system.

3 Because it would not do under we must have a divine organ, possessing full confidence in each other.

4 If we are to have a union, we must have profound respect for each other as to genuine clearness, orthodoxism, and christianity.

5 A union with one class of Christians without the like admission and with the union fails to bring with it the respect for those highest in authority in our Church—our Bishops—he cannot command.

6 If our brethren of the Zion Church of the way of thinking with brother Jones are sincere in their advocacy of a union why then go either to the Church North or South to obtain a Bishop to ordain the brethren whose their location and send them alone to the Episcopacy when the Church with which they intend to form an alliance has Bishops possessed with all the powers, and with as much authority to perform the needed service, as any of the Episcopates named, and those four men (as brethren) respect them as possessing such?

5. The Bishops of the A M E Church would, I presume, ordain the brethren elected after the union is consummated, if asked.

6. If a union is consummated, then ordered Bishops or Bishop would be in order. Why not commence it? The very agitation of this question, demonstrates the fact, that at least brother Jones questions the validity of the Episcopacy of the Zion Church, and in his anxiety to have it right, he applies to the venerable Bishop Scott to perform the service, but the Bishop does not see the authority vested in himself, to ordain a Bishop outside of or in his own Church, without authority from the General Conference. The Bishop believes in order so do I.

7. But if other Zionites have no confidence in the validity of the ordination of our Bishops before a union is effected, will he have any after?

8. If my opinion is correct, (I hope I do not judge my good brother harshly, for I have ever regarded him,) why is it why he wished Bishop Scott to perform the ordination service, may it not be well for us to pause and think? I hope it may be so, and move cautiously! We should be ready, as per agreement, made in our *sealed Convention*, and assembled in Baltimore, when the Bishops, given at all the Annual Conferences of last year

But my opinion is, that until three of our own color can learn to respect men of their own race, and those in position among us, as we, or ought we to respect Anglo-Saxons to respect us?

White men are, to-day, seeking ordination at the hands of our Bishops, and in the finest ecclesiastical historians in the American Church remarked, less than one year ago, that the Church was never more united, as he hoped they would be some day, he would prefer the *dark hand* of one of our bishops to be laid upon his head, than to be wished to demonstrate his fa th in the unity of the human race.

Brother Scott is, no doubt, aware that many of the leading minds of the Mother (M. E.) Church are agitating the question of a unity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, on terms of *perfect equality*. Less than this, we should not be satisfied with. Should the Church or State, and when we see men of our own color evading a clear issue of the recognition of our own authority—the manhood of their own brethren—I utterly fail to see the consistency of their demand for manhood recognition before the Church and State.

If he was as ignorant as—as men of no intelligence apparently pose, I could sympathize with him, but the contrary is true He is one of the most intelligent ministers in his Conference, whom I had supposed was possessed of large and liberal views—large views of the capabilities of his brethren.

Bishop Scott has shown more respect for the Elders of his Church than he does for the Bishops of our Church, when he says, "It is a great relief to you to know, that an ordination by Elders, appointed by the General Conference, will be valid without the agency of myself or any of my colleagues."

Any well-informed Methodist might have had previously the same view as Bishop Scott, had he taken the time to read Dr. Bang's "Original Church of Christ," or "Stevens's Church Polity," "Bishop Emory's Defence of the Fathers," "Bond on Schism," "Steven's History of Methodism," "Bang's History of the M. E Church," (last and 2d Vol.) or Ex Superintendent Wakeley's "Short Account of the Rise and Progress of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Zion's)", 1st edition, page 101.

I want unity, broad and full—free from all future entanglements. I want it because we have agreed upon a certain plan of union, by the by, is not free from faults, nor are all agreements entered into according to my view of the matter; but if both branches of colored Methodism agree as per the "plan," it will do. But if the plan is rejected, then I shall have a right to adopt some other plan.

Let the General Conference meet, transact their business, and then compare notes on the union question, and if we agree, without further ceremony let us consolidate our interests and become one henceforward and Forever. Not distrusting such other, but in the simplicity of Christian love, we could then go to work *more in accord*.

The plan is easy, and the way simple

1 Respect for our brethren

2 Respect even as for the Zion brethren

3. Patient waiting for the union to commence all over the Church, as is the case in New York

4. Confidence in each other

5. In other matters we agree to disagree, why may we not in unity so important as the union of nearly two hundred thousand of our race. "Should this be effected, a grand future awaits us. Our race is concerned. The world is watched." A [illegible] from our

[illegible] will so forth." We will challenge it respect of mankind and the confinement at [illegible] Church will be strongly supported and employment will be found for [illegible] young men and women. Our [illegible] will receive [illegible] Petty churches in the same town will be broken up. The brethren, from our united effort will [illegible] help [illegible] support the [illegible] Zion. They will say to us, "Let us go to Mount Zion with you. Then children will [illegible] up and will say, I will say with you, I would, Bishop Scott. The Lord reigneth, we are in all things." Amen.

I am truly a friend A M E Church

J. M. Brown

No 19 Belvidere St

Baltimore Md.

February 14, 1867.

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM BISHOP A. W. WAYMAN.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 3d, 1867.

Mr Editor —I left Washington, D. C. on Saturday, Feb. 2d, at 7 o'clock, A. M., and reached here about 4 o'clock, P. M. The route from Washington to Richmond presents many scenes of interest. Bull Run battle-field, Manassas Gap, and Goodsonville are the most important. Richmond is a fine city, and is recovering from the destruction of the war. I leave to-morrow morning for Warrington, N. C., then on Southward. Rev. W. D. Harris, the present pastor here, is much beloved by his people, and he is doing a great work here among the freedmen

A. W. WAYMAN.

COMMUNICATION.

Mr Editor. I desire to caution our people against the infamous scheme laid out to them by certain persons, to invest money in building lots, and settle in large communities, as a means of bettering their condition. I think it is a false view to induce any number of poor persons to settle together, and especially so when a few avaricious speculators that political tricksters possess, would be brought to bear upon us, so as to favor our progressive tendencies. I will therefore discountenance all such schemes, and look with odium upon all such settlements.

Yours &c.

NOTICE.

The Ohio Annual Conference will sit at Lexington, Kentucky, on the 10th day of April next, 9 o'clock, A. M. I request you to constitute this notice in the Recorder. I wish all preachers of the Ohio and Eastern Kentucky Conferences to be present, also, as many Bishops as possible. You can go from Cincinnati there for half fare.

Richmond, Wayne Co., Ind. Jan 30th, 1867.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Eastville, Va., Rev John Offer, $2.25; New York, N. Y., Rev H Davis, $7.05; Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs Reuline Williams, $2.50; Alton, Illinois, Emma A Anderson, $2.50; Carlisle, Pa., Mary Jones, $2.50; St Joseph, Mo, John Jackson, $2.00, Rockhaven, Md., per H Wesley, $5.00; Salem, N. J., E Crowdery, $2.50; Columbus, Ohio, Rev B Watts, $10.00; Rev. James Poindexter, $2.00; Mrs M E Lasley, Rev Elder Cincinnati, Ohio, Kevin Brown, Mary A Stratton, Rev B Harris, Isaac Jones, each $2.50; William Crews and Julia James, each $1.25; Newport, Ky, Kitty Johnson, Henrietta Harris, each 1.25; Lafayette, Ind, J Alfred Anderson, $2.00; Galena, Ill, J F Alfred Anderson, $2.00; Galena, Ill, J F Offord Anderson, $2.00; Galena, Ill, J F Mark F Robinson, Phebe Morris, Ann Chandler, Milicuah Lewis, each $2.50; William Wellander, 1.25; Chicago, A Dorsey, Mary E Mann, Sarah Winters, Jane Banks, each $2.50; E R Williams, $3.00; C Hardy, $2.00. Union Church, $1.00; Jerusalem Church, Jones, Caroline Walker, each $1.25; Jacob Cooper, $1.00; Pittsburg, Pa, A D Johnson, $2.50.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Information wanted by Elias Riley, of her daughter Rina Jane Hinton. She left Marion County, Missouri, in 1864. Her husband, Thomas Hinton, died in Philadelphia, previous to his wife's going to him. The man that owned him was named William Logan. He lived in Philadelphia. Any information of any kind thankfully received by her mother Hannah Riley.

Rev. HENRY BANNEY,
Quincy, Illinois, Box 769

Jan 26—2

INFORMATION WANTED.

Of two girls, named Mary and Matilda Bowell. Mary was sold, from Mr Tom Freeman's estate, to John D. Pasley, and taken to some part of the South, and Matilda was sold to Maj. Russell, of Williamson Co., Tenn. Their mother, Mrs Lucy Bowell, will be thankful for any information concerning them. Address

JAMES J. MAYS,
P O Box 1011 Richmond, Virginia

june 30—3mo

INFORMATION WANTED

Information wanted of Mary Barker, who formerly belonged to Mary Morrison, in Culpepper County, Va., also of Harriet Hopkins formerly belonging to Jackson Hopkins, of Culpepper. John Offer Any information will be very thankfully received by

HENRY BURNSIDE
Post Office Box 317 Logansport,
Indiana

Feb 2—tf

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We would be informing our Philadelphia subscribers who have no interest in the office, that shall upon those who do not come and pay for their papers. In those who come and for the paper and his advertising, &c. we make satisfaction, we shall necessarily be compelled to cut off those of We say this because we must have money to operate with.

Respectfully

Ed't & Publ'r

Feb 2—tf

LOSS OF MONEY THROUGH THE POST OFFICE.

We have received a number of letters from persons who say We inclose you $2.50 for two year subscription and we do not receive them. We therefore recommend all to go to the post office and get the money from the post master. If we do not you can order it send to us, on the presentation of which the post master here will pay us the money.

Respectfully

ELISHA WAYMAN
General Agent

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A PROPOSITION

To Bishops Ministers and Agents, for their use in Encouragement.

Hereafter, not one sending us $140 can have his newspapers of the *Christian Recorder* to increase to but most invariably in advance. We will let any minister have a agent have the 50 cts per week, at the same rates, which we will allow $2.00. Now there is a chance for any one who wishes to do good for themselves and their people They can sell the paper at 10 cts cents per copy, and the postage will only cost a half cent per paper. This will apply to the old agents from this time. Any one can have [illegible] copies per week for $1.10.

Respectfully,
ELISHA WAYMAN,
General Agent for General Conference.

Feb. 2—3w.

NOTICE.

If Dr. Jennings or wife, late of New Orleans, would drop a few lines to me, they may hear something to their advantage. Address

HENRY JACKSON,
Chatham, Canada West
Drawer 87

Jan 26—2

INFORMATION WANTED.

Information wanted of my mother and brother When I last saw my mother, her name was Eadana Cox My brother, name was Rose Cox, when I last heard from them they were near Holly Springs, Mississippi. Any person knowing their whereabouts will please address

Mrs. MARIA CLARKE,
Care of Larkin Kindrid,
Decatur, Illinois

Feb 2—3m

Marriages.

Married, January 16th, 1867, by the Rev. J. Hollis, Mr Franklin Taylor to Miss Sarah Ann Rose, both of this city

On January 23d, 1867, by the same, Mr Calvin Henry to Miss Maria Clarke, of Salem, New Jersey

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Obituaries.

On the 19th inst., Thompson Morris, aged 52 years. He was interred on the 22nd, at Mount Lebanon.

For the last 30 years, he has been in the employment of the late Mr. Richard Wister. His loss is much lamented by his family, and a numerous host of friends We hope that our loss is his eternal gain, as he did not leave him in a state without a hope.

In Philadelphia, on Thursday morning, January 24th, of consumption, Miss Sallie Francis, second daughter of Rev. Francis and Alice J Hutchins, aged 20 years and 8 days.

A loving and dutiful daughter, a kind and affectionate sister, and beloved by all who knew her She rests with a blessed hope of immortality beyond the grave.

But those are where those longings vain,
Tender Sarah Winters, Jane Banks, each
The sadness of this aching loss.
Dimes each, $1.00;

Hide ye were, and good and true,
No change can cloud my thoughts of you:
Guide me, the pain to love and die
And reach my Father's home on high

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The Travelling public are respectfully informed that every comfort and convenience has been provided for them at the above House, which has been recently thoroughly refitted with all the modern improvements. The tables are always supplied with the best the market affords. Attentive and competent waiters are also in waiting to receive the guests of the House.

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Respectfully inform their friends and former patrons, that they have removed their office to

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Where Dentistry, in all its branches, will be attended to. Dr. T. M. Kennard devotes himself exclusively to practice of Dentistry, and is the United States author of a work on Dental Surgery, which is now in the hands of the profession. He knows that any one can by assuming the name of Dentist, and by the use of a few mechanical appliances, practice on the credulity of the people, and thereby obtain a large share of public patronage, but he knows also that no such person can be a scientific Dentist, and that no such person can perform operations requiring skill, where a large variety of tools are essentially necessary. Those who desire to have their teeth scientifically filled, or artificial teeth inserted, will find it to their interest to call on Dr. T. M. Kennard.

Dr. Kennard has been in practice 15 years, and has had a large experience in the treatment of diseases of the mouth and teeth, and has made the treatment of these diseases a specialty. Those who desire to have their teeth extracted without pain, can be accommodated. Terms moderate

POETRY.

THE CASTLE BUILDERS.

BY ANDREW W. CROTTLEON.

A gentle boy, with soft and silken locks
A dreamy boy, with brain and temper strong,
A restless builder, with his wooden blocks,
And towers that touch imaginary skies.

A fearless rider on his father's knee,
An eager listener unto stories told,
At the Round Table of the nursery,
Of legends and adventures manifold.

There will no other towers for him be built
Than with his wishes steeds for him to ride,
There will no other legends, and all blind
With eager haste and stern gravity.

Build on, and make thy castles high and fair,
Rising and resting upward in the skies
Listen to tales by the upper air,
Nor lose thy simple faith in mysteries.

HOME CIRCLE.

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO A WIFE.

I was guided in my choice only by the blind affection of my youth. I found an intelligent companion and a tender friend, a prudent economist, the most faithful of wives and a mother as tender as children ever had the misfortune to lose. I must acknowledge by tender management of my weakness, gradually corrected the most prominent of them. She became prudent from affection; and though of the most generous nature, she was taught frugality and economy by her love for me. During the most critical period of my life, she showed me, that she had reclaimed me from dissipation; propped my weak and irresolute nature; she replaced indolence to all the exertions that have been useful and creditable to me, and she was so perfectly at hand to admonish my heedlessness or improvidence. In short I owe to her whatever I shall be. In her solicitude for my interest she never for a moment forgot my feelings or character. Even in her occasional resentment, for which I has too often given her occasion, I am sure I could recall those moments (she had no unkindness or severity. Her feelings were warm, nay impetuous; but also we pleasible, tender and constant. Such was the wife I possessed, when her excellent natural sense was rapidly improving, after eight years' struggle and sorrow had bound us closer to each other, and moulded our tempers to each other's. Long did I enjoy the happiness of her refined my youthful love into friendship, and before age had deprived it of its grace or its original ardor. I lost her, alas! the choice of my youth, the partner of my fortunes, at the moment when I had the prospect of sharing my better days.—*Sir James Mackintosh.*

JOHN O'GRAT, AND HIS HOUSE.

In the reign of James IV., of Scotland, three brothers, Malcolm, Gavin, and John O'Grat, natives of Holland, came to the coast of Caithness, with a letter to Latin from that monarch, recommending them to the protection and countenance of his subjects therefrom. They got possession of a large district of land, and in process of time, multiplied and prospered until they numbered eight different proprietors by the same name of Grat. Dennis of the second succeeded to commemorate their arrival at Caithness in a dispute arose as to the right of precedence in taking the door and head of the table. This would very much rejoice, and threatened to break up those annual gatherings. But the wisdom and virtue of John prevented this rupture. He made a touching speech to them, wishing their angry spirits so long equal to the courage and previous memories of their native land, and to the other joint representers in them. He entreated them to return to their homes quietly, and he would remedy the current difficulty at the next meeting. Won by his kindly spirit and words, they complied with his request. In the interval, John built a house expressly for the purpose, of as octagonal form with eight doors and windows. He then placed a table of such of the same shape in the room, and when the next meeting took place, he desired each head of the several clans families to enter at his own door, and sit at the head of his own table. This happy and ingenious plan restored good feeling and a pleasant footing to the sensitive families, and gave to the good Dutchman's name an interest it will carry with it forever.—*Elihu Burritt*

THE FAMILY.

The family is like a book—
The children are the leaves,
The parents are the cover
Protective bossy grow.

At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair.
But fine new acts events, characters,
And printed pictures there.

Love is the golden little clasp
That binds the book the trust.
O! break it not, lest all the leaves
Shall scatter and be lost

"I CANNOT REPEAT IT."

In the middle ages, when the great lords and knights were always at war with each other, one of them was rendered so angry by himself upon a neighbor who had offended him. He chastised that, on the very evening when he had made this resolution, he heard that his enemy was to pass near his castle with only a few men with him. It was a good opportunity to take his revenge, and he determined to seize it. He took the rest of his plan in the presence of his chaplain, who tried to dissuade him, but in vain. He set up. The good man said a great deal to the duke about the sin of revenge, but he paid no do, but in vain. At length, seeing that all his efforts were in effect, he said: "My lord, since I cannot persuade you to give up this plan of yours, will you consent to come with me to the chapel, that we may pray together before you go?"

"I will do so," replied the duke.

He did it, accordingly. The chaplain said a sermon and the duke prayed after him; he came to the petition, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." There the duke was silent.

"My lord duke, you are silent," said the chaplain. "Will you be so good as to continue to repeat the words after me—'If you dare say so—'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us?"

"I cannot," replied the duke.

"Why, my lord, you have forgiven you, for he has said so. He himself has given this prayer. Therefore you must either give up your revenge, or give up saying this prayer; for to ask God to pardon you as you pardon others is to ask him to take vengeance on you for all your sins. God will meet you to all your vicious. God will meet you at the great day of judgment."

The stern will of the duke was broken.

No," said he. "I will finish my prayer. My God, my Father, pardon me. Forgive me, as I desire to forgive him who offended me. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Amen," said the chaplain.

"Come to-morrow to the duke, who now on to attend the Lord's prayer better than he had ever done before since he had learned to apply it to himself.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

SAVE THE LITTLE ONES.

The following is an extract from one of the speeches made at the late New Jersey State Sunday-school convention.

A few years ago a steamer was coming from California. The city of Vera Cruz suddenly thrilled every heart. Every effort was made to stay the flames. But in vain. It soon became evident that the ship must be lost. The only thought now was self-preservation. Every passenger was searching for the choice, which was not far off. A passenger was now hurrying his belt of gold around his waist, ready to plunge into the waves. Just then a pleading voice arrested him: "Please, sir, can you swim?" A child's blue eyes were piercing into his despoil soul as he looked upon her. "No, child, I can not swim." "Well, sir, won't you please to save me?" I cannot do both," he thought. "I must save the child or lose the gold. But we cannot, I am going to save for all this ship's company. Now I am doubting whether I shall exchange a human life for paltry gold." Unbuckling the belt he cast it from him, and said, "Yes, child, I will try to save you." Stooping down, he took her clasp her arms around his neck. "Then, child, cast your arms on my breast." Then hang on now, and I will try to make to the land." The child bowed herself on his broad shoulders, and clung to her deliverer. With a heroic strength, unequaled and an arm there nerved, he struck out for the shore. Wave after wave rolled over them, but still the brave man held out, and the dear child held on, until a mighty mountain tide bore them on its crest, and with a sense of one faith and our prayers, and bear them up together. Then, and then only, I thought the wide waves of sin may tear them from our grasp, and we shall not reach the land. But we can on the other shore, we may be welcomed by the little ones we have tried to save.

THE CHILD'S LAST MESSAGE.

Many a careless sinner has been awakened by a word of warning spoken from a dying friend. The *Presbyterian Banner* gives an instance in our late war, where a brave soldier, prompted by love to his friend, rose to the caption, came home to be made a disciple of Jesus.

After a long confinement, when at home on a sick leave, a little cousin, to whom he was tenderly attached, called him to her death-bed, and said:

"Fred, I am going to Jesus, and would like to meet you there."

These words spoken by one who had not accepted Jesus as her Saviour, deeply affected. He retired from the room, weeping, deeply agitated, and inquired whether it was necessary that that sweet little girl should die in order that such a sinner as he was should be brought to repentance. Christian counsel set was sought, he was led to Jesus, and he found peace in believing.

Upon his return to the army the new spiritual relations formed by the ties of love commanded were dedicated by a prayer-meeting, held in the Methodist church, and a gracious endowed having passed from death into life, of being a new creature in Christ Jesus, and was received into the church, acquired his services in the field he came home, united with the church, and is looking an active and efficient Sabbath-school worker.

Thus did the Holy Spirit make a slight sentence, spoken by a dying child, instrumental in arresting an ungodly young man, in leading him to the Saviour of sinners, and in making him a blessing to many others.

LITTLE CHILD'S MORNING HYMN.

The morning brights,
With rosy light,
Has awaked me from my sleep,
Father! I see
Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day,
I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide
My sins forgive,
And let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side

O! make Thy rod
Within my house,
Green Spirit of all grace!
Make me like Thee,
Then I shall be
Prepared to see Thy face!

PERSONAL.

MEN OF GENIUS.

Tasso's conversation was neither gay nor lively. Ariosto's was full of gayety and facetiae. Butler was either sullen or biting; Gray nothing talked or smiled. Hogarth and Swift were almost mislaid in company. Milton was very unsociable and irritable, when pressed into conversation. Dryden, though copious and eloquent in public addresses, was reserved and dull in social discourse. Virgil was heavy in conversation. La Fontaine was so stupid that he never failed to be worsted in a contest with a child. Racine could not speak and describe what he had just seen, but when he was in the vein of poetry. Chaucer's silence was more agreeable than his conversation. Dryden's employment was to read dully to his wife, and entertain and receive visits. Corneille in conversation

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POETRY.

THE SNOW.

The snow, the beautiful snow,
Filling the sky and earth below,
Over the housetop, over the street,
Over the heads of the people you meet

Dancing,
Flirting,
Skimming along,
Beautiful snow! it may do no wrong,
Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek,
Clinging to lips in frottiness fresh,
Beautiful snow from the heavens above,
Pure as an angel, gentle as love!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow,
How the heedless spurn and laugh as they go
Wishing alone to the maddening fun,
It plays in its white every one

Chasing,
Laughing,
Hurrying by;
It lights on the face and sparkles the eye;
And the dog with a bark and a bound,
Snap at the crystals that eddy around;
The town is alive, and its heart is a glow
To welcome the coming of beautiful snow

How wild the crowd goes swaying along,
Hailing each other with humor and song!
How the sleighs, this moment, dash by,
Bright fire a moment, then lost in the eye;

Ringing,
Swinging,
Flashing they go
Down the street of the beautiful snow;
Fleeter as goes when it falls from the sky,
To be trampled in mud by the crowd rushing by,
To be trampled and crushed by the thousands of feet,
Till it blends with the filth in the horrible street.

Once I was pure as the snow—but I fell!
Fell like the snow flakes from heaven to hell;
Fell to be trampled as filth of the street;
Fell to be scoffed, to be spit on and beat;

Pleading,
Cursing,
Spurning by sin,
Down the street of the beautiful snow;
Once I was fair as the snow,
With an icy clean heart, to know pain and to grieve;
Now I am foul as the vilest and worst of the vile,
Thus I was loved for my innocent grace—
Flattered and sought for the charms of my face!

Father,
Mother,
Sisters all,
God and myself, I have lost by my fall!
The veriest scratch that goes slithering by,
Will make a wide sweep, lest I wander too nigh
For all that is pure will abhor me and fly;
There is nothing else's pure as the beautiful snow.

How strange it should be that this beautiful snow
Should fall to assist with soot and to grime;
How strange it should be, when the night comes again,
If the snow and the ice struck my desperate brain!

Falling,
Freezing,
Dying alone,
Too wicked for prayer, too weak for a moan,
To be heard in the streets of the crisp town,
Unno ticed in the fog of the snow coming down,
To be and in die in my terrible woe,
With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow.

Helpless and frail as the trampled snow,
Sinner, dost thou understand my despair?
To rescue the soul that is lost in its sin,
And raise it to life and enjoyment again.

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HYMNIC.

WHO WROTE OUR HYMNS?

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HYMNS OF LIFE.

We are at first apt to think that life is better than it is, forgetting that the best character adapted to give satisfaction than it proves to be, and we are apt to commit the mistake we are apt to go to the other extreme, and find that life is all care and hardship. And blessed is that sorrow which tempers our judgment

Take, for instance, such a hymn as this of Watts. It may represent a moment's experience, but it gives neither the complete, as representing the whole of life:

"Lord," sinks a sorrowful soul to thee,
That yields us no supply—
No showing of Thy face or welcome true,
Nor streams of living joy

"Let the dear path of thine abode,
Lies through the valley of the shade,
Lord, on a world kept that heavenly road,
And on thy command.

Now, that is an atrocious slander, if you consider it any thing more than a momentary experience. We may have such an experience for a moment; and if that is what is meant, it is right enough to write it. But it is meant to refer to the whole of life, it is wrong. The hymn is not to be taken as one is wanted to sing that hymn, but I never remember to have given it out. It is a mistake; it is false. "What a wretched land it this!" Whose fault is it, if it is? God did not make it so. "That's fields are so empty." What sort of a man is it, that has no supply? "Day upon day returning," and night, "but I have it up and tells it to the night—for the flight are in that of sentiment who tell the night word one to another. The whole heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament and wonderfulness. And shall this land be described as a land of "showers of trials, and no wholesome trees, nor streams of living joy!" I should think that this hymn was composed in a dungeon. Now let me read a Christian hymn:

"Children of God, who, faint and slow,
Your pilgrim journey pass,
In strength and wisdom, joy and woe,
Cursing, Cursing,

Grinding to die,
Falling my soul in whoever would buy;
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread;
Hating and fearing the one God;
Merciful God, how I fallen so low!
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CHURCH LIFE.

WHAT A LAYMAN CAN DO.

You little notion has been taken of the truly remarkable work of grace that has and yet is in progress in the 3rd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore. It calls for our consideration, both for the encouragement it affords and the instructive lesson it teaches. It is encouraging to know that the kingdom of our Redeemer is growing in such acessions, that souls are being saved; and it is a lesson of profound instruction, and at the same time propriety of glorying, humiliation, to see that the Holy One of Israel is not to be limited in the saving of souls by our bound to say set method. We have something to learn, and God will teach lessons extraordinary and, as it may seem to some of us, very strange and unusual ways of preaching Christ, and labor to, win souls, that is very far out of the ruts of our routine. But so the Lord has done.

On the 1st of April, 1866, the Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School in this place on the following basis: the members were requested to meet together in the Sunday School. To study the lesson carefully, 3. To build themselves upon the most holy faith, and labor for their individual salvation.

As a means to secure the most prompt and systematic attendance of the class, Mr. Perry Christian said ought to preach Christ. Pray for the coming one: Hope to love to one and speak to him of Jesus. Now absteth faith, love, and pray, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

HANNAH.

AN ANGEL STANDING BY.

We send of a youth in the early days of Christianity—those periods of heroic suffering, when the gates were not lagerdays wonder to which I have already ventured to call your attention, on whom his persecutors had put imprecate a more than common share of their malignant ingenuity, that by his torments (let those who will, or can, go through the horrible details,) they might compel him to deny his Lord and Saviour. After a long endurance of those pains, they released him, in wonder at his obstinacy. His Christian brethren are said to have wondered too, and to have lurked him by what mighty faith he could so strangely subdue the violence of the fire, as that neither a cry nor a groan escaped him. It was, indeed, most passing strange. It was the noble trunks reply: but an angel stood by his ground beside him, and in the word, and with his finger pointed to heaven, with those whose eyes are open, the art tempted to entertain a sin do then think or object, and that thought vanishes. He angel unto thee." The kept of heaven will raise thy crying voice, also, that the inhabitants of the world, the fear of hell will rob its possessions of their sacraments, and the very calamity of thy trial may serve but to refuse to animate thy exertions by the thought that greater is thy reward here, the greater will be thy reward hereafter.—*Bishop Heber*

THE PULPIT.

PREACHING.

The dry details of an eager morality which are pronounced from some pulpits, have an even repellent to souls hearts than the most fraudulent gaze is muchmore have to avert mortality; but, beyond doubt, what is spoken in charity, and by the impulse given by the sobriety, and regularity the resurrection-tone confident, personal and evidence of thousands and tens of thousands. Now, in my opinion this latter is the most valuable preaching worth. It comes from the only true source of personal truth, "experience is the love of it," and its results are answerable, being exactly what St. James so beautifully describes it, "the wisdom that is from above is first pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." It certainly does not generate uncharitableness, and therefore, not necessarily. It is, of course, to be feared that some preachers do not think much of the subject, therefore, fair beginnings they produce no lasting fruit; and seldom extreme sense of their own responsibility even where they do not wholly enervate the philosophy; all which is forcibly in Scripture.

I differ from many divines in no point more than in their estimate of the influences of the Spirit of God wholly imperceptible. It is the energy, an certain that no true comfort is religion without it, and that all those influences are rationally perceived by each of us in our inner consciousness we have produced.

What is that act of which *no* much is said in Scripture, if it be marked with no moral effect, and leaves the man exactly what he itself? In such a case, with what hyperbole does the New Testament blind! And to what a cold and meagre sense must the Holy Ghost shrink! This is not the doctrine of the Church of England. In the ninth seventeenth Article) that godly persons "feel in their experience the mighty working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh and their earthly members, and drawing up their mind to high and heavenly things." And this, in my mind, is the very soul of Christian religion. Here are the spring and life, this transmutative and regenerative energy, in the early days of the New Christianity above all philosophy and all mere law, even though given from heaven; and this it is which makes it, to weak and corrupted man, what the Bible calls it, "the power of God unto salvation."

Save as I am in the neglect of this "inward and spiritual grace," I am not afraid to specify so low among as, and so limited in the world. Preaching, the sing of love, naturally is in their preaching, and, wherever it is, there Christianity takes place

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DISTINCTION ON ACCOUNT OF COLOR.

Laws which make distinction on account of color, are becoming more objectionable to the American white people every day. This is not caused by a suddenly awakened love for the black man, but it is the result of that truth which God taught the nation during the years of civil war.

The conflict between truth and error, justice and injustice, will ever keep up the war against "distinction on account of color," until it passes away forever. This is just as certain, as that a Divine Being rules the Universe.

The idea that a man's privileges should be abridged by law or custom, because of the color of his skin, or that on the sea if popular feeling in this nation, like the great lowberg on the waters of the mid-Atlantic, losing its force, by existence, beneath the rays of the sun of Liberty, and by each warm wave of public opinion that rocks it along the fatal waters.

Like the doomed iceburg, which, withwasting, it chills the air around about it, or breaks by rapidity the ship precisely freighted with humanity and valuable merchandise. So this idea of "distinction on account of color," which is waning, "its days are numbered," may, while losing its force chill our political atmosphere, and wreck individual prospects and hopes, but let it be remembered *that these are the victims of its dying days.*

"PUFFING."

When we speak of the success of a minister or public man, it frequently elicits the remark that "so and so received quite a 'puff' from the "*Recorder*." Now we want it understood, most emphatically, that we never have, and never intend, knowingly, to "puff" any body, *what we say we mean*, for it is beneath the dignity of a respectable newspaper, and especially, of one that is the recognised official organ of a religious denomination.

We shall continue, in the future, as in the past, to present the merit of those to whom the public have a direct interest, and in so doing, we shall lavish praise on them, it will be because we think it justly due. While we shall sensibly avoid unfavorable criticism, ever this will be freely rendered when the cause of righteousness, morality and progress demand it.

Remember that we never put what we consider a mere "puff" in our columns, except as an advertisement. Every man of intelligence and worth, would feel himself belittled who received it.

CHICAGO, ILL.

The colored population of this city numbers four thousand, and is increasing by additions from the South. Their course is onward, they have three churches. Quinn's Chapel, Rev. Mr. Quinn, D. Tweedy, Bethel, Rev. F. Myers, Pastor, the First Baptist church, Rev. Mr. De Baptiste, Pastor. The colored folks have recently erected a splendid edifice, in a handsome location of the city, costing $12,000

Quinn's Chapel is in a most flourishing condition, and is not large enough for its Sunday evening congregations. It is quite a fine edifice, seating about four or five hundred persons; but it is proposed to remodel it, so as to express of several thousand dollars. Brother Trevan obtained subscriptions of three thousand five hundred dollars, in less than two weeks for this purpose. There is not on record, in our history, a more notable example of Christian liberality and energy. We are, indeed, pleased with the spirit of Quinn's Chapel and that their Pastor Rev. Ivan's eminent success may be continued.

Bethel church, under Rev. F Myers, is preparing to build. Just now, it is building spiritually with great rapidity, having been in the blaze of a great revival all winter. This church contains some of the oldest members of the A M E. church in Chicago. Not long since we visited it and found the pastor in the best of spirits and thankful to God for His goodness and guidance. There can be no doubt that with the present able, experienced and devoted pastor, that Bethel will succeed During our recent visit to Quinn's at Bethel and Bethel, a free-will offering of $12 85, was raised for the Book Concern 40 dimes from the former $6 bits from the latter

There are a number of colored men in Chicago, hard-working, enterprising and liberal-minded, who would do honor to any community in the land. We hope the day is not far distant when they will be allowed to vote and we expect to see a black skin in the city council and State legislature before ten years roll around

We trust our friends in Chicago will see to it that they do what they can to increase the circulation of the *Christian Recorder*. Now is the time to bring to the front the fact that we possess of intrinsic worth that our enemies may be ashamed of their persecution of us, and our friends strengthened in their efforts in our behalf

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Very recently we had occasion to visit Pittsburgh, it is indeed a city that presents on its face the features of American character—and as might be humorously suggested, the element of the Yankee—shrewd to see every thing you see or touch but because of its enterprises which through the over the abundance of nature, and develop the natural resources of the country

It is not to speak of this however that we write, for the material triumphs of Pittsburgh city have been often told at commercial boards, in newspapers, in the legislative hall, and in the humblest roots. We want to put on record the intellectual and spiritual progress of a class of her citizens who have been robbed of their rights to vote, and whose school interests have been but indifferently cared for by the authorities. In doing this we shall briefly pass over the history of Wesley Street. A. M. E. Church for the past two years, during the administration of Rev. Johnson Underwood. We would gladly go further back and trace through the pastoral relations of the faithful and able ministers—Revs. Warren, Turpin, Watts, and Thompson—who have labored in Pittsburgh, but we are not in possession of facts. Wylie Street A. M. E. Church is a large and substantial edifice, and is the principal colored church in the city; indeed, there is only one other, which is a small, though prosperous branch of it. Around old Wylie has grown a colored community cluster, and all their public interests, so far as they, themselves, directly control them, are influenced by this Church.

To the charge of Rev. Johnson Underwood this church was committed, and during its membership nowhered two hundred and thirty; during that year, however, God touched his spirit with a deeper sympathy with an ingathering of two hundred and sixty members, then more than doubling the membership. The temporal interests of the church exhibited apparrallelled success as the new members took a lively interest in contributing to the support of the ministry. The effect of the revival of 1865 on the colored community was indeed wonderful; many young men and women were changed in character that would have led to destruction in time and eternity, and have become ornaments of society and candidates for heaven.

Indeed, there have been but short intervals during revivals at old Wylie, but scarcely a year during the administration of the present pastor; for the one hold last fall brought a large accession to the church, and this winter seems to have been a great summer of converts, and we have no doubt that this, the second Conference year, will witness great accessions to the membership than the past.

The good friends of this church have bought a burial ground, costing three thousand and three hundred dollars. The Sabbatary and Temperance societies, and Sabbath-schools are in a most flourishing condition.

This it will be seen that the pastor of old Wylie Street has been the means of awakening and keeping up a degree of general interest that has a telling effect in the religious, moral, and intellectual elevation of our people; with that determination of will which is peculiar, he has pressed upon the officers of public schools for their neglect of the colored people's children, and the good work of reform in this direction has commenced.

We regret that the time of this truly useful man is drawing to a close in Pittsburgh; we regret it from what we have seen while visiting that city and sorrowfully say that Pittsburgh, now clothed in the garments of strength, will take no step backward, should the remarkable man now leaving her onward her sent to another field. If the prayers of the people are effectual, of course his continuance as pastor is certain.

THE LATE ALFRED KIDER.

It is with much sorrow that we have learned of the death of our old friend Mr Alfred Kiger, of Washington. D. C. Mr Kiger had for many years held an important and social position in the city of Washington, and his manliness, his frank and generous nature, and noble public spirit endeared him to all who value these high qualities. He was the zealous friend of the church and was noticed when in a visit to Washington a few months since that he more than ever enjoyed the society of ministers of the Gospel, and seemed to feast upon religious truth. May it not have been that he had premonitions of death and was "setting his house in order?"

Such a man as Alfred Kiger is greatly missed in Washington just now, in view of the new relation of the colored people to the District of Columbia, but God knows what to do; and as He has called our friend from time to eternity we will bow resignedly, reposing in that promise that irradiates the tomb with the great truth that He that liveth and believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live again.

Oh that the family of the departed so directed to life may find that Christian solace that will provide balm for the wound that death has given their souls

In reference to the death of the late Alfred Kiger—the *Daily Chronicle* of the 4th inst, has the following:

Funeral of Alfred Kiger.—The funeral of this well known and highly esteemed colored man took place yesterday afternoon, and many were the tears of sorrow and affection which were shed by the large concourse of people who had assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. The procession, which was large and imposing, proceeded from his late residence on H, near Fifth street, under escort of Eureka Lodge, No. 3, A. Y. M., of which he was a most worthy and highly-esteemed member in the Fifteenth-street Presbyterian Church, which was crowded to its very utmost capacity, while an equal number were unable to get admittance.

The services, at which Rev. H. W. Ander son of the Universalist Baptist Church officiated, were more than ordinarily solemn and impressive. The services were opened by the congregation singing the hymn

"Why should we start and fear to die?
What inhabitants are here
Death is the gate of endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter."

Rev Mr Anderson delivered a very impressive discourse from the tenth verse of the seventh chapter of the book of Job

"He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more."

which he selected as most fitting and appropriate language with the many virtues and manly qualities of Alfred Kiger, who was "taken out by Providence," as Mr Anderson was recognized by the entire community, the Christian, the zealous patriot, and the generous friend and brother. Of the latter of his ways, he obtained the respect and regard of all who knew him. Prior to coming to Washington he was connected with the Fifteenth-street Presbyterian Church, where he died, and he did his own life and many have been the hours of happiness he spent in that sacred place. The sorrow which his death has produced among the intelligent congregation of that church, as well as the many evidences and tributes of respect to his memory, plainly told how dearly he held to the church and how loved a brother and valuable a member he was, and in our hearts are enshrined them for ever

The pall bearers of Bull Run, before the Government had recognized the manhood of his race, he was at the front aiding our troops in their work of patriotism, encheering and comforting the wounded men who fell victims to the wicked hatred of rebellion

No enterprise aiming at the amelioration of the condition of mankind but found in Alfred Kiger a friend, and among the many of his wise race he was particularly zealous in going about doing good. In the church which he loved so well, he was ever among the foremost to make sacrifices for her welfare.

The coffin was of highly polished walnut richly ornamented with silver mountings on the outer of masonry with which lenares he was buried. His remains were taken to Harmony Cemetery, where they were deposited to the lap of his mother earth. Peace be to his ashes.

REV. STEPHEN SMITH.

By some strange occurrence we omitted in our account of the masonic presentation last week to mention the fact that Rev Stephen Smith participated in the exercises. This is the more singular because Rev. Mr Smith is a prominent Mason on occasion of interest to the public or himself His speech on the occasion alluded to, delivered with his usual force, and in his happiest vein, we had an exhilarating and telling effect on the audience.

BLIND TOM.

ONE MARVEL SUCCEEDS ANOTHER!

Blind Tom is no longer the greatest musical prodigy living The excitement created in the musical world by the strange and wonderful genius of Blind Tom, has scarcely subsided since his departure for Europe, and yet we are greeted with another equally strange and marvellous development of God's transpiring the world to the world's bank, in the person of Blind Siao, the greatest Nonpiano pianist in the United States.

The truly wonderful musical geolus, a colored youth of Northern birth, proves that true greatness is not confined to place, color, or any other local influence. The original Blind Tom was of Southern Birth. Our Tom, whom for certain reasons we call Blind Siao, but who is known to his parents, possesses all the angular and excellent natural qualities of the former, and we venture to say, that before many years he will be as great, if not greater admiration. He has played very successfully before select parties of this city, and with general satisfaction.

His will commence an engagement at National Hall, Race street, this week, at which while will be given, when the public will have an opportunity to fully thank themselves of the marvellous gifts of the second Blind Tom G.

TAKE HOLD OF IT.

We do earnestly hope that the friends of the church will take hold of it with the following proposition of the General Book Steward. It only requires a little effort to be successful in the matter. Who will take hold?

A PROPOSITION

To all our Ministers and Agents, for their own Encouragement.

Hereafter, any one sending us $1.00 can have 100 copies of the *Christian Recorder*,—the money to be sent invariably in advance. We will let any minister or agent have a copies per week at the same rates, which will be $2.00. Now here is a chance for any one to widen the circle of their influence and their people. They can sell the paper at six cents per copy, and the postage will be paid by the subscriber. This offer will apply to the old agents from this time. Any one can have twenty-five copies per week, for $1.10.

REV. HENRY DAVIS.

Nothing there's no more than the fidelity of Rev. Henry Davis, of the Sullivan Street A. M. E. Church, New York, to the interests of the Book Concern. We think there is not another minister in our connection who has done more for the Book Concern, or New Orleans, and Henry M Turner, of Georgia, who do as much as brother Davis has done and is still doing to circulate the Christian Recorder. This is doubly cheering to us, because we know that our youthfulness has never especially commended us to the father in years, whose whole ministerial life engrosses our highest personal esteem. All must admit, that for faithfulness in his calling, Elder Davis is a model and we trust that in his zeal in behalf of the Christian Recorder he will be followed by all who are not doing the most they can.

REV. THEOPHILUS G. STEWART.

The faithful missionary of the A M E Church, stationed on Hatteras Island, accepts the proposition of the General Book Steward and sends for twenty-five copies of the Christian Recorder forwarding the money with his order. He says he will do this every week. That's right, brother Steward, send your name and we will send you copies a week after you have gotten the matter fairly before your people

What workers may our publications not accomplish, if our brethren will only rally. Where is the agent who will be the proposition of the General Book Steward

HELP THEM.

The A M E Church, Mendham, N. J. appeals for aid. They need it. Rev. John Lewis Conover is the missionary appointed to serve this people. They want to raise money for building. Rev. James E. Brown, an honest and reliable man, has re appointed a Soliciting Agent. Let every body that he calls on give him something

PHILADELPHIA AFFAIRS.

Meeting at Scott's Church.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the basement of the church on Monday evening last. The object was to raise funds for the purchase of colored gentlemen who are using their influence to procure the passage of a bill supporting our right to vote and sue in the Mosore. Bowser, Cuffe and Forten, of the committee, spoke, and corroborated the legislative report on the bill in all its purport. The speeches of these gentlemen were spirited and eloquent. Money was raised and pledges promised to defray the expenses of this committee, and provisions adopted to raise more. Messrs Da Lange and Harris, the former of South Carolina, and the latter of North Carolina, made thrilling speeches pertinent to the occasion.

Anniversary.—The Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Harrowgate Presbyterian Sunday Society was held on Wednesday evening, February 13th. The history of the Society was read by Mr. Jas. Bell, and essay and dresses were delivered by Revs. James Lynch and Stephen Smith

Rev W. H. Furness, the gentleman lecturer at Wesley Church, Lombard street, on Tuesday evening last. We did not get to until too late to notice it in this week's issue. Since his ordination to the ministry in the A M Zion Church, he is giving some attention to its missionary interests.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

A Short Mistake.—The *Methodist Quarterly Review* of January, has the following:

"Pamphlets.—*The Christian Recorder, Volume IV. Philadelphia*, 1866. This is the organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, edited by the Rev. James Lynch, a graduate of the University of Glasgow—considerable ability, destined, we trust, to lead a distinguished career in the future, devoted to the interests of our Afric American brethren. The paper, from this and other specimens we have to note, is on manifestly sustained In no way can the friends of the negro race better serve their common interests as by maintaining the reputation they have so largely of late attained for the high order of its display of intellectual and moral improvement. An article particularly, in the issue of the 20th ult. most efficient of all means, both for advancement to the world. Its failure, or even want of due success, would be a catastrophe to their cause"

The Pittsburg notice contains a mistake. We are not "a graduate of Oberlin," nor of Williamsburg, nor of any other college, formerly stated. We were out short in our pursuit for knowledge by pecuniary disability. We have attended college for short periods at that time our "college" has been the leisure hours snatched from the pressing avocations of active life. Comparatively we have been enabled by a white man, our own is out "manfully sustained, but when the disadvantage of our early circumstances and opportunities accorded to it, is more than magnificent

William Wells Brown.—This able colored lecturer delivered a lecture at National Hall in this city, on the 7th inst., for the benefit of white and colored persons. His subject was the "Heroism of Colored Men in the late War" He resulted in the satisfaction of all present. A lengthy report of the lecture was published in the leading daily papers of this city.

Miss Cordelia Jennings, sell known in this city as a faithful and successful teacher in the Sabbath-schools, has taken charge of a High School at Louisville, Ky., which was formally opened a few days since. Her Mr. Speed, governor of Kentucky, and Mayor Calvert, made the opening address. In the hands of one so energetic and thoroughly practical, the High School will be a success.

Gone.—We believe that it is supported by an association of Episcopalians

Leavenworth, Kansas.—We do not see how colored citizens can have a lecture at National Hall in this city, on the 7th inst., for the benefit of white and colored persons. His subject was the "Heroism of Colored Men in the late War" and resulted in the satisfaction of all present. A lengthy report of the lecture was published in the leading daily papers of this city.

Complement to a Fellow-Townman.—A correspondent writes us: *The Anti-Slavery Standard*, pays a very high compliment to Prof. P. B. Bassett, Principal of the Institute for Colored Youth, in this city. That seems to have been elicited by the manner in which he performed the duties of Chairman of the Business Committee at the recent National Convention of colored men held at Washington.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Union Africa Methodist Episcopal church, Rev R. P. tubbs, pastor, is in the midst of a great revival. A great number have professed religion, and we do not doubt but fifty-four have joined the Church

On last Sabbath, in the morning, the pastor preached In the afternoon, fifteen adults were baptised by Bishop Campbell, who preached a powerful discourse, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev T. H Miller, of Pearl Street Baptist church, preached at night

It does the soul good to see such a deep work of Christianity going on among the young, as is witnessed at Union church We attempted to attend one of the meetings one evening, but took but found ourselves unable to wedge our way into the house, as the aisles and doorways were literally packed

Brother tubbs is young, but God has made him a blessed, winning glorious success to the minds of hope

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Monthly Miror.

The first number is on our table. We hail it with gladness It is the organ of the colored Baptists of the country, and under the editorial management of Revs Henry H White and J F Denham Rees, is ably conducted. The members should indulge in no bickers as spirit toward each other we are one family and the establishment of the paper is necessary to only extending our borders, where some other denomination would have occupied. The people of the so far charge have worked well, and with a determination seldom witnessed, have built a neat house church and school edifice, which is completed sufficiently to enable them to worship and teach In We preached for each church, and tried to advise them for the best. Brother Rees has all he in his power to make a big Trader. Board to build a school edifice early in the coming spring We trust they will do so. Address, office of this can preserve the first of the old charge

Rev W Revels

St. Louis, Mo. Jan 28th, 1867

MASONIC NOTICE.

At the Annual communication of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons for the state of New Jersey, held in Masonic Temple, Masonic Hall, in Burlington, New Jersey Dec 27th, A D 1866, the following named officers of the A L G M. were duly elected, appointed, elected, were installed in their respective offices for the ensuing year:

Brother Benjamin D Butler Most Worthy Grand M. Brother William H Lankford R W 11 M. Brother Lyle H 10 R H W & S W Brother Nelson Bowen, Jr. W t. J W Brother Henry Mucker M W G T Brother Chandler L. Davis H. W & C

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Absent G. O.—Brothers H H Williams, for the Counties of Cape May, Atlantic Cumberland and Salem C T Colgate, of Gloucester and Camden; Brother Williams, for Burlington, Mercer and Ocean; J M Lacey, for Monmouth, Middlesex and Somerset; Joseph Woolly, for Essex, Hudson, Morris and Passaic Joseph Garrison, for Burgon, Huntingdon, Warren and Sussex

Committee on Installments—H. L. Davis, H H. Williams, F Gould, H Mackey. J Dubois, and J H Bonn.

Committee on By-Laws J Woolley G L Davis, M Harnane

Committee on Charity—J Dolphin, J A H Greves, M Smith.

Committee on Correspondence—J H Bonn C N Bowen, H Mucker

Attest: G L. Davis.

Feb 7—11 H W G. Sec

NOTICE.

Rev James Lynch, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, will preach the Sacramental discourse at the Zion Mission Church, 7th instreet, Dorchester, at 3 o'clock precisely in the afternoon Services commence at 2 o'clock

Turf Hall, Pres.

Religious Entelligence.

The Reunion Committee—In order to effect a reunion between the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the 20th day of [illegible] of the year 1866, a committee of [illegible] of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, met in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, and after a session of [illegible] days, adjourned to meet in the city of Cincinnati, on the 20th day of February, 1867, at which time and place the committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met, and a session was held, which continued [illegible] days, when the committee adjourned to meet in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, on the 20th day of February, 1867, at which time and place the committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church met, and a session was held, which continued [illegible] days, when the committee adjourned to meet in the city of Cincinnati, on the 20th day of February, 1867, at which time and place the committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church

KANSAS The census has been completed in Kansas numbering 14,441 voters. The Republican majority in the Legislature will be about 70.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. The Democrats have decided not to make a fight this year.

SOUTH CAROLINA. The Legislature has convened, but nothing of importance has occurred. Everything is still quiet, but it is apprehended that a bloody contest is about to take place.

TEXAS General Sheridan has issued an order that no civil officers shall be appointed in the Southwestern district, except Johnson, unless the Major General commanding shall have no one eligible and qualified to fill the office, who will take the oath and bear true allegiance, and have performed the State Legislature here in that effect. The Young Men's Christian Association are moving principally to construct a building for the use of the Association in this city.

ILLINOIS. The Republicans have passed both Houses of the Legislature by a majority of about 20 on joint ballot.

MISSISSIPPI. General Ames, U. S. Senator elect, recently addressed the Legislature in favor of the new Constitutional Amendment, but the Legislature unanimously rejected it.

MONTANA The disagreement in this Territory has expired, and there is no fund to call out the militia and regulations to secure that the reorganization of the company has been increased, and hereafter all offenders will be summarily dealt with.

FOREIGN.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Feb. 5.—*London.*—evening. The Queen opened Parliament this afternoon. The usual ceremonies were observed at 1 o'clock P. M. The day was cold and dreary, and the streets were lined with troops and military display. The crowds of persons, covered by their umbrellas, manifested no enthusiasm. Her Majesty was shown as the Queen drove up to Westminster Hall and Palace Yard. The Queen's speech opens in a clear, firm voice. It congratulates Parliament on the restoration of peace in Europe, and on the offer of arbitration made to the United States, in regard to the Alabama claims. It refers to the grounds of possible misunderstanding, and promises relations of cordial friendship. It announces the North American Colonial Confederation scheme, regrets the troubles which have troubled Ireland, the suppression of Fenianism; deprecates the further agitation of the Church rate question. It announces that there various measures of importance which would be laid before Parliament. It says nothing in regard to Reform question. "Your attention will again be called to the state of the representation of the people, pertaining to Parliament, and I trust that your deliberations, conducted in a spirit of moderation and mutual forbearance, may lead to the adoption of measures which, without unduly disturbing existing rights, will satisfy the reasonable demands of my subjects." Her Majesty concludes by thanking Parliament for the liberal supplies that have been granted for the support of the army. granted the Queen as she passed, and the people crafted this power and welcomed her when she was electing. The police behaved with great considerateness, as much could have done, and the crowd was nice for number. Great preparations are making for the Reform demonstration on the 27th inst. The utterances of the popular feeling is considerably pleased. Parliament on the meeting, and "ones without votes are sorb."—*Berlin.*—The Imperial Parliament generally favors the bill for the reorganization of the Postal Service of Germany for countries, have disposed of the Schleswig Holstein Railway to Prussian Statists.

Feb. 6.—*London.*—Lord Derby announces that the government had asked Mr. Seward to state plainly the points of difference which the adjustment by arbitration was declined by the Government of the United States.—A cable dispatch to Telegraph Company is now forming, to be a cable by way of the Azores to Halifax. Cable to be 41 and 42 words.—*Vienna.*—Kellersperg is to succeed Belcredi as the Austrian.

Feb. 7.—*London.*—*Noon.*—The bulletin of Consolidated bonds in the Commons have arrived at the Queen to book their claims.—*Norway.*—The British Government has ordered a salute of 21 guns on the legal proceedings of Spain in the case of the British Bark Canada.—*Evening.*—The Queen has received the Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, and the Lord Chancellor, the Exporter, the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Chancellor, and

POETRY.

LITTLE PEOPLE.

A dreary place would be this earth
Were there no little people in it.
The song of life would lose its mirth,
Were there no children to begin it.

No little forms, like lambs to graze,
And make the admiring heart surrender,
No little hands as brave and brave,
To keep the thrilling household tender!

No babe within our arms to lay,
No little feet toward slumber tending,
No little tones in prayer to say,
Our lips the sweet words lending!

What would the mothers do for work,
Were there there no pouts or pickets tearing?
No lazy dresses to embroider?
No socks for their watchful earing?

No rosy boys, at wintry morn,
With mischief to the school-house hasting,
No merry shouts as home they come,
No pretense normal for their tasting.

Tall, grave, grown people at the door,
Sad, grave, grave people at the table,
The men in bullions all blame,
The house kept solemn as the grave.

The sterner souls would get more stern,
Unfeeling natures more inhuman,
And man to stole misers earn,
And woman would be less than woman.

For is that clime towards which we reach,
Through Time's mysterious dim unfolding
The little ones with shouts unite
Are still our Father's fane beholding

So until His voice to whom we trust,
When in Father's realm a prophet,
He made a child confront the proud,
And he is taught them their teacher

Life's song, indeed, would lose its charm,
Were there no babies to begin it:
A dreadful place this world would be,
Were there no little people in it.

HOME CIRCLE.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

BY REV. JOHN TODD, D.D.

I am now thinking of an aged couple who are called the "old folks," who have lived together husband and wife, in the same house over fifty years. They came there young, energetic, and utterly unknown to the cities what they would pass through in fifty years, or indeed that there could be an end to that century. They have worked carefully and properly educated a large family of children. These have all gone from them now, have families of their own, and are filling an important place in society, and some of them high posts of influence.

They are all members of Christ's church, as the old folks' are left alone, just as they started in life. They look on one another, and say the hour of family worship they take such a Bible, and read with unusually deep interest verses, just as they did when they read with their children. Then they sing the old hymns, though the voices are not so sweet, nor the pipes of the organ so perfect as formerly. They live, it is plain from incidental remarks, in the past, the present, and the future.

There are certain things that they seldom speak of, even to one another. They keep all the pipy things, which their children once used, carefully locked up. Sometimes, when they come to visit them, but the forms they are playing with them are those of their own dear children who have gone before them, but who left their images in their memory. The little books and even the little shoes, of their bright and early dead are carefully kept, and though they never speak of them, each knows that they are precious memories of the past.

But to see how careful they are of each other. The days of passion have all burned out, the beauty and freshness of life have all passed away, and the rich harvest of time has all been garnered. But no lovers could be more tender toward each other. If either be absent, the time is anxiously measured till the return: the footstep on the threshold may not be elastic as it once was, yet the ear that hears it and the heart that hears it are keen. They seem to understand each other's thoughts without words, and each feels that life would not be life without the other. They think over the past much and often, and realize that they have together toiled and together struggled and shared all the burdens and sorrows of life. Every memory of the past is equally precious to each. They don't say much about their separation, are certain to leave one or the other so desolate, but it is plain they think much about it; and from hints occasionally dropped, it is clear that each is contriving and planning how the other can be made comfortable when this left alone, and each petting to be the first to die.

And when they think of the future, even carrying their thoughts into heaven, they seem to have no supposed fear that heaven will not be all they desire; if they can there be to each other nothing more than old acquaintances, it seems as if they must carry something of the tender feeling which the sorrows and experience of life have given them, into that world, and as if they must get back to hand forever.

And the thought that they must soon separate, and the one must be left to walk alone in the rooms, sit alone at the table, kneel alone at the altar of God, go alone to the house of the Lord, gives an unspeakable tenderness to their treatment of each other. They never even in the days of youthful courtship, lived more in each other's thoughts than now.

Time has rearred the rough places of life over which they have walked, and years have healed the wounds they have suffered, leaving only scars; but this rough winds of life have only bared their heads, and given not that sturdy oak, but the soft weeping willow. Memory clings up pictures of the past, some of them recalling sorrows heavy as human can bear, as children laid down down in her own golden light; and hope comes still, as in days of earth, as she once did, but of heaven and the eternal spring before. And faith showing nothing to the eye, exercises all its power over the heart by mingling his voice in the songs of hope.

They will not be with each other long, but while they do live, no part of their life has been so full of tender regard, generous respect, unaffected kindness, or deeper love. The young world can't understand the "old folks," but for myself I never look upon their dwelling without seeing some of the most purified, refined, and exalted traits of human nature, which to me are inimitably beautiful. And if I have a wish for my dead it would be to feel more kindly toward those who are around known as "old folks." I shall have gained my object in writing. Let me say, that the things are more repulsive to a refined heart than to have such a couple as I have described called or called the "old folks" by way of derision.

Were people world be astonished to learn that the phrase "escaped with the skin of my teeth" is from the Bible. It occurs in Job, chapter 19th, verse 20th, and the current rendering is "My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth."

CHILDREN AT PLAY.

"I never was so mortified in all my life," said a mother, as once when I overheard one of my little girls—a mere baby—say to her—scolding a doll, used for want and time for none as I was scolding from the day before. It was certainly not a pleasing reflection.

Yes, go to the children of play, if you want to learn what influence are really calculating for they are not the impressions most strongly made on them. It is not the most powerful forms of teaching which at first or most influentially, but more lasting modes, but our unconscious influence. Our habitual looks, acts, tones, expressions which, like the air they daily breathe, daily mould and vitalize them. What variety, what luxuriousness what soul, on the play ground! How learning, free outspoken for good or for evil. Two things about play.

1. Children can play very small capital. A little girl had nothing to play with but two empty spools. She united them by a bit of stick—looked at them—added and pins quickly over—as we in our childhood enjoyed contriving one—marking off the squares, preparing them, hunting the wood pile for a cross-stick for a stand of the sum, with all the necessary think. It took days of most enjoyable work. Nor do our little girls enjoy their dolls more, and as we did the manufactured one—have the constructive faculties young and exercised, and your children have a perpetual fund of healthy excitement to draw on.

USEFULNESS.

An eminent Scotch divine, Rev Ralph Erskine, visiting a poor crippled woman, she thus addressed him:

"O, sir, I am just lying here, a poor useless creature."

"Think you so?" said the minister

"I think," she added, "that if I were away to heaven, I should be of some use to glorify God without me."

"Indeed," replied the good man, "I think you are glorifying God now by resignation and submission to his will, and that in the face of many difficulties and under many discouragements. In heaven the saints have no poor burdens to groan under. Your praise, burdened as you are, is more wonderful to me, and, I trust, acceptable to Him."

The great secret of Christian usefulness is to be awake to opportunities, and intent on doing what we can, rather than bewailing that it is not more in our power. This and in this respect, he who faithfully improves the one talent, bids fair to be intrusted with the five or ten

FOR A CHILD WHO IS ILL.

In my little bed I'm lying
Weary, weary all day long;
And I cannot sleep for thinking,
Though I know it's very wrong.

Jesus, Thou canst see and hear me,
Sleepless and alone I lie;
But I know that Thou art near me,
When no one else is nigh.

Then canst comfort me, and make me
Very patient, very still,
For Thou never will forsake me,
While I am in any ill.

Bless the doctor, who so gladly
Tries to make me well again;
Bless my mother, who is ever
Grieves to see me suffer pain.

Bless Thy little child, and make her
Better, thankful, and at rest;
And if she is dying, take her
To the home that's far away

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

TEACHING INFANT SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

At a meeting of Sunday-school teachers Mr. Parlee gave an illustration of the best method of teaching infant Sunday-school classes, which was listened to with great apparent attention. Since this is a subject of great importance to every church, we have thought that it would interest many of our readers to have access to what was said. The remarks which were previously made by Mr. Lawrence, N. Y., and which we take from an Eastern exchange:

Mr. Parlee, in answering the question, "How to secure attention?" said he took the plan of Mrs. Knox, wife of Rev. D. Knox, of Rome, N. Y., recommended by her highly successful, simple and beautiful. She has published a book for infant Sunday schools, separated into sections each containing a lesson for each from sixteen to eighteen on the finest young ladies in the congregation as her assistants, who are then commissioned under request to become primary teachers themselves. Those young ladies bear certificates, and always orally the truth of the lesson. The order of the exercises is,—1 Singing standing; 2 Reading the Commandments, in concert 3. Prayer 4. Ten minutes for class recitation and instruction, by the young lady teachers. 5. Sing, rising. 6. Address by the Superintendent. 7. Singing. 8. Dismissing class orally. 9. Singing 10. Exchanging books. 11. Prayer. Lovely. Would be glad to concert. 13. All repeat "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one another." The infant school is thus made the primary department of the Sunday school with admirable success now for many years in Rochester, and elsewhere orally the best

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COMMUNICATIONS

For the Christian Recorder.

IS WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY THE PROPERTY OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH?

Said with befriending all the assurance that has been given, of the legal right of the A. M. E. Church to the Wilberforce property; some have doubted it. We publish, therefore, by request of the trustees, the deeds and act of Incorporation. First, the deed made to Bishop Payne and others, especially that by a necessity of them to the A. M. E. Church, thirdly, the Act of Incorporation; also the remarks of Prof. J. G. Mitchell, (Secretary.)

Know all Men, That the Wilberforce University, a body corporate, organized under the laws of Ohio, in consideration of the premises hereinafter to be paid by Daniel A. Payne, James A. Shorter and John G. Mitchell, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain and sell unto the said Daniel A. Payne, James A. Shorter, and John G. Mitchell, their heirs and assigns forever, the following described Real Estate, situated in the County of Greene and State of Ohio, to wit: being about fifty acres of land, part of Military Survey No. 8294, particularly described and bounded as follows, on the west by the Yellow Springs and Xenia Turnpike, on the north by the lands of Maxon Creek, being a stone, and on the east by the lands of Wilberforce University, by John F. Wright, Mansfield French, Asbury Lowery and Mighill Daniels, and their survey, by the said 8-quarter 5th, 1820 and recorded in vol. 39, pages 225 and 226, of the land records of Greene County, reference to which deed is hereby made for a more full and further description of said premises.

To have and to hold the premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said University, the Trustees thereof and their assigns forever, and the said D. A. Payne, James A. Shorter and J. G. Mitchell for themselves and their heirs, do hereby, covenant with the said Wilberforce University, and the Trustees thereof, that they are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid, and that the said premises are free and clear from all incumbrances whatsoever, and that they will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND the same, with the appurtenances unto the said grantees their heirs and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever, claiming under said University in witness whereof, the said Wilberforce University by its President and Secretary has hereunto affixed its corporate seal this eleventh day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

H. W. Thompson } John P. Wright, } —
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R. S. Rust, Secretary } —
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The State of Ohio, } ss.
Hamilton County }

Be it remembered, That on this eleventh day of June, in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, before me the subscriber a Notary Public in and for said County, personally came the Wilberforce University by John P. Wright, President, and R. S. Rust, Secretary of the Board of Trustees thereof, the grantor in the foregoing conveyance, and acknowledged the same and acknowledging the to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my Notarial seal at Cincinnati, on the day and year first aforesaid.

H. W Thompson Notary Public

Hamilton Co. O.

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POLITICAL NEWS.

Our readers will find on our second and third pages a full summary of political news, both home and foreign, including the latest dispatches by the Atlantic Cable.

APOLOGY FOR AFRICAN METHODISM.

This is the title of a work in course of preparation, by Rev. B. T. Tanner, of the Baltimore Annual Conference it will soon be ready for the press. We shall with delight every effort made to show up the beauties and nature of which colored men are the producers We hope much encouragement and support may be given to this work.

HON. HUGH L. BOND.

The Hon Hugh L. Bond, Judge of the Baltimore county court, lectured in this city before the A. M. E. Association, at National Hall on Thursday evening, 14th inst, on "Sir Cuandiffen, Prospect and Progress of the colored people of Maryland." It was a delightful to see and hear him The admiration, hope, and enthusiasm which he kindled was such as to lead that he has at least the great work of elevating humanity Christ persecuted with the great Henry Winter Davis in the work of emancipation in Maryland, the Judge has had to deal with every phase of the great political revolution in that State, and learned among the champions of freedom has stood the champion of his own people. He gave a graphic picture of the struggle of slavery for perpetuity and supremacy, and of the sufferings of its victims, and presented a most encouraging view of the prospects of the colored people, he deplored the apathy of the Churches in regard to their condition, censured their unchristian spirit in the management of caste, and eulogized the Yankee girls who went down to Maryland to teach. He declared that in a few years colored men would vote in Maryland, and as they became intelligent would fill high private and public stations

Men like Judge Bond, who are guided by right principles, irrespective of party interests, are required by the times in which we live. When at the late Southern Loyalists Convention in this city he introduced the resolution declaring that a "return to negro suffrage was the only true basis of reconstruction," it was considered a foolish thing to do we remember on that occasion the agitation of Hon. J. A. Creswell, of the present U. S. Senator from Maryland, who was a candidate for re-election, and also of the other members of Congress. Those were with one exception afraid to avow the principle of the negro suffrage resolution, on account of the election that were to follow in Maryland. Yet every one of them were defeated, with the exception of one who dared to advocate what he believed to be right

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IT IS SHAMEFUL.

It is a source of great satisfaction, that our colored community, at this city, has the reputation among our white friends of possessing a marked self-respect they generally assert their rights in the face of much opposition them, and if compelled to submit to wrong they do it under protest. This will established by the fact that only a thoughtless class of persons among us who degrade themselves by going to the Opera at the Academy of Music, occupying the seats so near the pit that they might possibly pull the cobwebs from the ceiling. Seats in which no one will sit, except small boys, or peanuters; and also by visiting the theatres and swaying up the seats for colored persons which are generally the most desirable in the building. Now if the attendance of the Opera and the theatre were limited, it is a shame that a class of our people will attend these places under such circumstances, when in seeking they are instantly subjected to be insulted by the proprietors of white men. It is passing strange that any one having claim to self-respect can attend these places for there is not a single excuse for so doing; for they are humiliating from whence spring a thousand corrupting influences, directing the mind from moral pursuits, stunting it on the journeys of the soul for high purposes and starting before the vision the pole-lantern in place of the bright light of truth

But if this class of patrons of negro prostituting theatre managers cannot be convinced of the immorality of theatre-going, will not their self respect make them refuse to pay for and take a seat that is pulled out by the whole mass fingers of scum?

THE WORK BEFORE US.

The African M. E. Church has at present one hundred thousand members and over one hundred preachers actively engaged in the itinerant work as a church by God's people Payson recently eloquently prepared statistics compiled since the publication of his Sunday-school book. At least one half the number have been added since the late civil war commenced. Such an accession seems incredible and yet it could be proved by positions to find evidence of the correctness of the statement. The colored Methodists formerly under the jurisdiction of the M. E. Church South, have come to us by entire congregations and in large bodies in most instances, showing the use of the Methodist which had always been devoted mainly to their exclusive occupancy

It is only making a fair statement of the case, when we say that three times million stand their rapid accession to the A. M. E. Church in our large numbers; for it is well found in the fact that their ministers gratuitously fed as our armies approached so readily that a relationship with the M. E. Church South, was incompatible with their ideas which became controlling under the same state of things that gave rise to the war thereby, there was a kindred sympathy between our preachers and them, and we sought them diligently.

To see our ranks swelled by this unparalleled increase, makes the heart overflow with joy But our solicitude for the future of those within our fold should be commensurate with the satisfaction that there seems also legitimate. The extension of the Church imposes on our responsibility to feed and to fellow-men. And when we willingly extend our borders, we willingly assume that responsibility. It would be idle to say that the majority of our denomination—this one hundred thousand—possess a sufficient degree amount of education; four-fifths of these were born in slavery, and many of them barely of the privileges of education. Let us not shut out the light of knowledge from them, and they have been compelled to wear the garments of darkness in this world, and contribute to the development of the white man. We can rejoice however, that they are characterized by a love for the truth and in his cause, and an ardor for improvement that ought to make hopeful the most despairing.

We have run our church machinery over fifty years, and there has been no friction that has disturbed the harmonious progression of its operation, no serious accidents. We have run it by the help of God, according to the principles revealed in His word, and reconsecrated by Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and therefore ought to go on in the great work before us, with vigor, and achieve success.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF WESLEY

The forty-fifth anniversary of this society was held on Wednesday evening, February 13th Mrs Mary Fields in President Mrs Elizabeth Johns, Vice President, Miss Harriet Holland, Treasurer, John H. Hughes, Secretary

The President presided on the occasion with much dignity The Secretary read a very encouraging report, showing how quietly this society had been a great work and the following statement will show

The funds have not been closed in forty five years, but when we consider on account of poverty cannot pay their monthly dues the amount is paid for them

They are able to make a donation among the members of from $3 to $5 about once in the years They have on hand at the present time one hundred

Revs James Lynch and Stephen Smith, delivered two addresses, which were well received by the audience. They are worthy efforts in great abundance were served

Such a society is worthy of high commendation for its long and useful career, and we hope it will exist for many years to bless our community.

NATIONAL ATHEISM.

An Association has been formed with Hon. H. C. Eddy D.D. of Boston Mass. President, and a number of vice presidents, for the purpose of petitioning Congress, a recognition of God in the Constitution of the United States We earnestly commend the following paragraph from the address of this Association to the readers and we hope our people, especially ministers will become the subject

"Resolved

That God is not once named in one National constitution. There is nothing in it which requires an oath of allegiance to God, or which forbids, after all, is the great fraud both of loyalty in the citizen and of fidelity in the magistracy; nothing which prevents the corruption of the Holy of Holies and of worship or which respects its sanctity. There is no exemption from law made earned and the post-offices open on Sunday it is only because we have a Post-Master-General who respects the day. If our Congress' days are not held, and if Congress does not sit on that day, it is custom and not law that makes it so Nothing in the Constitution of the United States regards the Christian Sabbath—recognizes it as holy, commands its observance. None of the Executive Departments, Legislative Halls, Senate House, the Navy Yard, the Barracks, or any other place, is under Christian government. The only allusion which it makes to Sunday is a casual reference to it as one of the days of the ten days which the President has to consider any bill; but that is not because the day is holy, but because the President may happen to be a man who thinks it right to keep the Sabbath So also the prayers in our Houses of Congress and Legislatures, the reading of the National Institution or thanksgiving are merely customs which are harmonized by the religious sentiments of the people, but have no force of the Constitution. How good and how sadly would all this change and were an infidel administration to ride into power

But besides the Constitution we have Christian Sabbath, which is made only one religious position is defined and which are to be held sacred on the same dignity and binding force as the Constitution itself. In one of those which are made by our Government with Tripoli it was declared that it is solemnly declared that the Government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion. If we were only living in the days of barbarism, and people in the world, and if ours were not a purely republican form of government it would long since have been demonstrated and remedied by the pressing of these

A Convention will be held in behalf of this cause in Philadelphia, on the 5th and 6th of March evening The Convention will assemble in the Spring Garden Hall, Sts. at 7½ P. M. of Tuesday March 5th, and will continue through the day and evening following.

Able and interesting addresses will be delivered All friends of Christian civil government are cordially invited to attend. Auxiliary associations, and Christian congregations everywhere, are requested to send representatives. We hope our churches near by will send delegates.

A MINISTER'S LIFE IN DANGER.

We learn that on the return, to Georgia, of Rev. H. M. Turner from his recent visit to Washington, he stopped at Macon to warn Gen. to give some instruction to Rev. Turner, and to protect his preachers under his supervision. And to his surprise learned that his life had been threatened by several of the Rebels, the arena his ever received to that place. But no sooner than all the colored people apprised of his presence in that city, crowds came around themselves to the hotels, with every gun and pistol in hand and remained by him till he got ready to leave the city in such number, with muskets and pistols accompanied him for several miles from the town.

We desire to say, as not a hair of brother Turner's head has been harmed, he never left until he had completed the business which he came to do.

The enemies of this threatened murder, seems to have given out on a letter he received in Washington, asking for an appropriation of $600 to take care of the churches from being sold in which he spoke rather in favor of the whites. The appropriation was made, however, the church is saved, and he is not hurt yet

COLORED PROPRIETORS OF PUBLIC PLACES.

We must think, agitate, and investigate, though it be unpleasant. This is the great engine of every man. We therefore call attention to the fact that while there goes up from our entire country an appeal from our race, who love their native land well enough to die for it; that all distinction on account of color should be wiped out, whether it exists in law or custom, and while it receives favorable responses from State and National Conventions there are a few white churches keepers of restaurants, and of bathing houses &c in many of our principal cities, who refuse to serve a colored person in any capacity, but refusing to accommodate persons of their own color

We call upon the people to boycott those men till stand in the way of the elections of their own race, by taking the unmanly and degraded position of catering to American prejudice. That there are mitigating circumstances there can be no doubt but while to great a principle is at stake as there is in this matter those colored men should have the moral heroism to sacrifice their business rather than degrade themselves as Fortress Monroe this week they are to be murdered out

THE EXAMPLE SET.

Hon. Mr. McCullough, Secretary of the Treasury, a Jubilonite—a very, very moderate, a Johnsonite—a very, very moderate, has set the example which he has refused loan to a first-class clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. Never before, have colored men had such positions in the civil service of the government, appointment of Cabinet officers. Hon. Mr. McCullough has broken the ice, established a precedent, and we do hope that the other officers of the Administration will not hesitate to appoint colored men to clerkships of they are competent We do not ask that they appointed because they are colored men, but that the color of his skin will be no more taken into account than the color of his eyes.

Let the colored men who are competent and desire to serve the government as clerks make application, and present their claims in common with others, and when they are accepted let them distinguish themselves, and never before, have colored men been the waved prejudice of America, which exists as a living chasm our sensibilities, checks aspirations and almost wrecks our hopes.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The *Metropolitan* of the 16th instant, published in this city has the following:

Rev. Joseph S. Atwill, recently ordained by Bishop Potter, of Pennsylvania, has been doing a school for colored youths in Louisville since the early part of 1866. The Rev. Dr. Atwill is a teacher has been sent down to him by St. Luke's Church, Germantown, in the Pennsylvania Branch of the President's Freedmen's Aid Society, Episcopal Church. The person is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Youth," in this city, and leaves a good situation to go to Louisville, that he may be engage in the work of elevating and Christianizing the people of the South.

Now, "this person" spoken of in the above extract is Miss Cordelia Jennings, who would not have been sent down by the Association if she did not possess moral worth, education and refinement. According to the above extract, "this person" graduates in a female department but a lady. Why does the *Episcopalian* call her "this person"? Would the Rev. Dr. Atwill have obliged to the white race? This may be a very small matter at the same time it may be an index to the feeling which is permeating certain sections the colored race, showing that unless they die is to be overcome before this influential body will be willing to come fully up to the mark of doing what they can for the elevation and improvement. The sooner they get rid of it the better.

TENNESSEE COMING RIGHT.

The state of Tennessee has passed a law restoring the right of colored men to vote at all its elections. While it has taken this just step it still refuses the holding of office or sitting on juries. Thankful for that act has been passed, the colored man and his friends will labor for the repeal of this prohibition, and not in vain.

In a short time the gallant State will be ready to take her place in the Union justice Tennessee will lead the South with material prosperity, because of her triumphant loyalty and her wise legislation. We believe that God has spared the life of Gov. Brownlow to lead Tennessee out of the wilderness of treason.

MAJOR GEN'L O. O. HOWARD.

The 7th Lecture of the course given by the Social, Civil and Statistical Association will be delivered by Major Gen'l O. O. Howard, on Thursday evening, Feb. 28, at National Hall. Market street, above 12th.

Gen. Howard is one continent, as the present day, officially, and is very evidently a friend interest of the colored race use his distinguished influence and gentleman, and he will doubtless have an immense house. Admission, 25 cents.

WRITE TO US

We earnestly solicit correspondence from all parts of the United States, and from any one who has any thing to say, send it on to us and we will feel backward on account of the orthography, or the style of influenced by the denominational idea We like and welcome a good communication no matter who it comes from.

Let our ministerial brethren forward every item of interest; now is the time, we are making history.

Don't forget in the meantime, to send a cash subscriber, this always makes us smile and feel very pleasant towards you

MATTERS IN GENERAL.

We have received a communication from Columbia, Pa., the writer of which does not favor us with his name. Now, we do not publish any one's name; they do not desire it, but we do require that we should, in every instance know the name of a writer before we publish his or her communication.

The 38th regiment A. N. C. troops arrived at Fortress Monroe this week they are to be mustered out

THE LINCOLN LITERARY ASSOCIATION

Celebrated the forty-day of our lamented President on Tuesday the 12th inst., by a social entertainment at Liberty Hall on which occasion there was a good time generally, a feast of reason and flow of soul, after doing justice to the inner man the following regular toasts were read "The day we celebrate, responded to by Mr Luke White

The Memory of Abraham Lincoln responded to by the regular toast, "The United States of America, responded to by Mr Benjamin Darnel. "The Thirty ninth Congress responded to by Mr E. Hoppe

The Common wealth of Pennsylvania responded to by Mr. J. D. Waiarford The City of Philadelphia," responded to by Mr Robert Bryan Woman the source of all our joys, responded to by Mr Henry Augustus Brown. Volunteer toasts were offered by the regular toasts, a number of volunteer toasts were offered during the course of the feast, and the memory of Lincoln was duly honored during the evening.

PENNSYLVANIA SLOW TO REDEEM HERSELF.

Up to the hour of going to press we had hoped to be able to chronicle the passage of the bill securing the right of colored persons to ride in the street cars, by the lower branch of our Legislature We have been disappointed.

It is true that before next week endors in the House of Representatives Surely the bill will become a law. Surely the members of our State Legislature must see the folly of standing in the front current of thought which sweeps through the nation To refuse to give the colored man his rights is to be behind the times, to be behind the present and disregarding the future

We hope the delay in the House may not be caused by any desire to defeat the Bill

THE RECONSTRUCTION BILL

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Religious Intelligence.

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News from A. M. E. Churches.

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Leavenworth.—Mr Franklin H Bunton writes Feb. 6th —Mr EDITOR —As our congregation, over-worked pastor, Rev. H. R. Revels, does not find in his power, in consequence of numerous engagements in the affairs of this city, to communicate, through the columns of your valuable paper, any thing respecting the condition of the A. M. E. Church here, I essay the task, and will relate in the latter part of last October under the leadership of our pastor and wife we engaged in a series of efforts to raise money to liquidate our remaining heavy indebtedness

Atlogether, we were engaged in the above efforts about four weeks and at the close of that time, we had a net proceed of seventeen hundred dollars

You must not infer from this that we are a monied people,—the great majority are, nine-tenths of our people are hard working mechanics, and but few of these have been able to do any thing beyond getting a start to live &c. We have however, some classes of color who are well to do and we may confidently claim their industry, perseverance, and intelligence that they are blessed with a fair share of this world's wealth and intelligence. Much with our people more than in any other city where But our great temperance reform is attributable to the blessings of God upon the instrumentality of our pastor and his wife in their earnest labors in the pastoral service of Rev. H. R. Revels last winter. You were informed during the winter of last, that we were blessed with a powerful revival of religion, resulting, in about one hundred souls coming to the mourners bench, one hundred and thirty persons joining the second Sunday in last September, we were blessed with the accessions of another powerful revival. A great number of persons, we have already been converted and yet from the prayer meetings which are held in the basement of the church every week and three nights, resulted in the conversion of one hundred and ten persons. These meetings have produced a great moral and spiritual reformation here. But these revivals did not stop with the conversion of souls belonging to us as a church, for on the second Sunday in last month, January, we were blessed with the baptizing of another powerful religious revival

An Historical Church.—A correspondent of papers at last rate, effected nothing at all. the Presbyterian writes of Dr. Butler's Church in Washington. The scene presented in the church was light and cheering and delightful. The great organ by her at the east end was filled by a company body of intelligent and devout communicants, among whom were Senators, Representatives and many officers of the government, as well as hosts eminent in the scientific world, and in public service in this. There was the pew in which the honorable and lamented President Lincoln used regularly to sit, and there was the pew in which sat that pagan which we cannot but hope and trust he received into his heart of hearts as his own standing. On this occasion the house was filled by a better host, with a more than usual sense of the settled the status of N. H. Fowler. It was the hands used by the Lord to bring the Gospel to Maine for New England, where he died over soon after ward.

News of the Week.

EXECUTIVE.

Presidential Pardons—No sentence of the law perfect list of pardons, recently furnished to the press about the Capitol, is more than a mockery. Cabinet officers—the Treasurer, Secretary Treasury, George Harris and Wade Keye, Attorney-General Assistant Treasurer, F. C. Dimock, Minister to France, Thurlow Weed, Auditor Interior, Mr. Speer, Pierre Soule, et al. U. S. District Attorneys, S. Cushman Judges Marshals and District Attorneys, Collectors, rebel Commissioners, 2, rebel Governors, 7, rebel Lieutenant Governors, 3, rebel Members Congress, 15, rebel naval officers, 9, privateers, 10, blockade runners, 11, rebel Generals, Lieutenant, 1, rebel Colonels, 60, rebel Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, 31, rebel Brigadiers, 17, rebel Majors, 10, rebel Captains, 6.

The first Colored Department Clerk—Overseer Mitchell, the only colored man who has ever been ordered to office, to a first-class clerkship in the Freedmen Department.

The Treasury is credited to-day with $4,670,388. The receipts for the current currency drawn out of the Treasury for the month are $6,000 and the issues $206,222—The amount of fractional currency received for change, on gold daily during the month, as compared with the first of January.

Judiciary—Easterbrook Benton, (who offered a warrant for Gen. Butler's head), and Judge Bennett, A. Walker, of Georgia, have been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States.

CONGRESS

Senate—Feb. 12.—The Bankrupt bill was taken up, and passed by 32 yeas to 10 nays, a quorum being almost or not voting. The League Island Navy Yard bill was passed.

Feb. 13.—The House resolution of thanks to Secretary Stanton, Gen. Grant and Secretary Hooper, Major-General Halleck, and Rear-Admiral Farragut, was reported adversely, and indefinitely postponed.

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POETRY.

NO BABY IN THE HOUSE.

We do not keep it, for our darling
Bids home, nor more, it may be stay;
Yonder angel-band, those whose hearts have been
Made fair, in heaven, as I know, are richer found;
Long may it be, the annoyances to cease the lights and
makes a grateful home—a home without a noise
nor clean.

I'm glad
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Right and
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No finger marks upon the paper,
No scribbled pictures on the wall,
No little cooings to be heard at all;
All ragged is the floor,
No pieces rattling to the door,
No cast-off baby clothes
No stockings to be knit,
No fallen blocks to go over,
No mischievous, "don't you dare,"
No merry frolics after me,
No baby in the house.

HOME CIRCLE.

THE TWO NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

"Mamma, you will get me that pretty fur collar and muff; do say you will!"

The sweet-voiced pleader, a little girl of perhaps twelve years of age, leaned over her mother's chair caught her hand, and with her curls hid the lady's darker hair. Mrs. Ashby drew the petted child closely to her, and in gentle tones her reply came:

"I thought you were satisfied with the Christmas gifts you received, Nina,—how is it? You and you would not want any thing for a whole year, and now on the, the third day after Christmas, you are making the request."

"I can help it, ma. I would give up every thing to have that set of lovely fur. Oh, they will look grand with my velvet coat, and hat, too! Ma, please say you will get them" and the child clasped her hands in eager entreaty.

"That cannot set is very expensive, Nina. I really do not think I will be doing right to indulge you with it, and that, Ashby, in yielding tone.

Nina caught at this. She was a cunning beggar, that only and petted child, and a few minutes after, Mrs. Ashby left the library, having promised her daughter that on New Year's eve she should possess the much desired furs. Oh, too long and unmechanical mother, if you but for a moment paused to think of the tares you plant in the hearts and characters of your children by this foolish over-indulgence,—tares that will take the sharpest hoe, and completely weed out the rich growth of wheat which your heavenly Father planted there when He gave you charge over the sweet soul—and, if you would but pause to think, and pray for strength to do right, you would not find it so hard to speak a gentle, but firm negative, and the little ones, depending upon your word, would refrain from any cry for, with perfect trust in your love, they would know that what you do is right, and that you would not deny them any thing that would be for their good.

Nina Ashby was not left alone when her mother left the room; for a little girl, in deep mourning, was sitting by a window, busy with some worsted work. This was Alice Morton, the orphan child of Mrs. Ashby's own sister, who for a year, had dwelt in her aunt's house, sharing the love of all, as a younger sister to Nina. The bright, impulsive Nina danced up to the side of her cousin, exclaiming,

"Oh, Alice, ma has promised me the furs! Did you not hear her say 'Yes,' as she went out of the room?"

"Yes, Nina, and if you want them so badly, I am very glad you will get them; but if I had been in your place, I would not have forced my ma to get them for me."

"I did not force her. I only begged her ever so hard," said Nina, with a slight pout.

"Well, then, I would not have begged her so; for she did not want you to have them, and you do not need them."

Nina turned, half laughing, from the earnest brown eyes of her cousin, just as Mrs. Ashby again entered the room, and coming to the window where the girls were, she displayed a sum of money, saying,

"This money was given to me, Nina, by your pa, to be divided equally between you and Alice, for a New Year's present. Now, my child, if you like the furs, there will be but one dollar of it left for Alice. What is to be done?"

Nina was silent. She was a kind-hearted child, and did not wish to deprive her cousin of her share; but she wanted the furs.

Alice said, quickly and earnestly,

"Auntie, get Nina the furs. I could not be happy if she were deprived of them. I do not want any thing. You and uncle are so kind to me, and to Nina. Let me give her my part as a present. I cannot be happy if you do not.

Tears filled the sweet eyes, though a smile wreathed the lips.

Mrs. Ashby did not hear, but the jostling crowd threw the little mourner's face face to face with Alice Morton, and the child said hurriedly:

"I haven't a penny now, little boy, but I will have, to-morrow, if you will come here. It was all we had time to say, for now and we turned to call her.

The loving sweetness of face was perfected, and Nina's happiness beamed in the sparkle of her bright blue eyes.

"Now, Alice dear, you have one dollar what shall I get for you.

"Nothing, dear, if you please; you can give me the dollar.

"Very well, dear, I will give it to you in the morning.

The gas jets burned brilliantly in Mrs. Ashby's parlor, and the glowing fire and the genial warmth aroused, so the family sat there, listening to the hum of merry talk, which had farewell to the morn and old year, and heralded the advent of the new. It was a bright home picture of love and comfort that the twilight moon looked down upon, as it penetrated the folds of the lace curtains, and with bolder beam the children nestled in their downy beds, and slept the sweet sleep of innocence.

But New Year chimes sounded to another section of the great city, and the midnight moon, all unobstructed by blind or curtain, shone upon a colder scene in the cheerless room which the little match boy called his home. Dreary, empty, save for two poor women and three little children had matter the boy's return, earlier in the evening, and when he came, it was only to bring a few matches, and repeat what the little girl had said. They were poor comforters, for it was all they had, and huddled together under a few rags, they watched the coming of New Year. The women knew that neither sleep nor slumbers, looked down upon that group so well as the cheerful warmth in the big and and sugar wings were lowering there, in the midst of poverty and distress.

"A new year!"

"Aunty, can I go out a little while this morning, and sell my matches, while the break-fast-room, on New Year's morning.

"Yes, dear, and mind you wrap up well, for it is very cold. Mrs. Ashby never permitted the children as to where they were going.

Alice started on her quest with more than little match boy. Beside the dollar note she had other small change, and this in her thoughtful manner she spent in bread and cheese, and some apples which she thought would please the little ones at home with her.

She found the boy at the same corner, trying to sell his matches. His poor pinched face brightened slightly at the sight of her.

"Oh, little lady, you have come!"

"Yes, but I do not want your matches, somebody else will buy them, and I have brought you a new year's gift. Here is some cheese and apples in the bag and here is a dollar note that you can buy things with for your self."

"Oh, you don't mean for me to have all this" cried the boy, tears rolling down his thin cheeks; "take he child, I never begged in my life. I always gave matches and shoestrings for all the money I got; but mother has been sick, and the little children are very cold and hungry.

"Take it all, poor boy. You are not begging now. I want to give it to you, and when you have spent the last note any thing to give, you shall have it." Alice pressed the money, all without another word, and the boy started for his home.

In the afternoon of New Year, there was a great exhibition, and Mrs. Ashby took the girls to witness it, and they walked, I never forgot

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the name and title of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the state of Kentucky and proposing the time and manner in which their officebearers thereof, which petition was presented on the 9th day of October A. D. 1866, with the requisite charter fee annexed, and it having been duly considered:

Be it known therefore that the M. W. Grand Master and the constituting circle and established a Most W. Lodge under the title of the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the State of Kentucky," and declared the M. Rev Jesse Merriweather Grand Master and other grand officers investing them with all the powers and dignities of the offices respectively belonging.

Pursuant to previous arrangements the National Grand Master left Louisville on Saturday, P. M. for Louisville Kentucky, on Jan 25d, A. L. 5867. A. D. 1867 stopping a few minutes and passing through Shelbyville to Lodges at each place and arrived at Louisville, Ky. on the 26th, where the brethren were in waiting to receive him. A procession was formed, and preceded by a band of music, marched over the route which had been agreed upon, and entered the Baptist church, where addresses were delivered by Brothers W H Gibson, W F Bailer, N W Jesse Merriweather, and M W H H Gibson, N G Master.

The procession was re-formed, and the brethren marched to the hall and after the portsack of a supper prepared by the committee for the occasion. The brethren all enjoyed themselves, and ample justice was done to the good things which were spread profusely upon the table.

The business has been called from refreshments, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The plain misunderstanding between the M W Grand Lodges for the States of Ohio Indiana and Missouri, with respect to their local jurisdictions have been amicably adjusted by the N G Master, and harmony prevails between those several jurisdictions

The various Lodge and Grand Lodges in the National Compact will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly

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No 720 South 11th Street.

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Feb. 19th, A. L., 5867, A. D., 1867

To all M. W. Grand Lodges, and brethren working under the jurisdiction and Masonic authority of the M. W. Grand Lodge, to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Whereas, it has been made known to us that a body in the city of New Orleans, calling itself the "Eureka Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana," whereof Oliver J. Dunn is said to be Grand Master, and whereas, said body passed a resolution, in January last, declaring that they would assume to exercise any authority possessed by the M. W. N. Grand Lodge, and that they are independent.

Now know ye, that, in accordance with Article 1st of the Constitution of the M. W. N. Grand Lodge, all Masonic communion and fellowship was and body, or any of the Lodges or members under its jurisdiction, is hereby ordered and forbidden to meet in Lodge or member under the jurisdiction of the National Compact, so long as they persist in occupying their present position.

By order of the M. W. N. Grand Master.

J. H. HEBARDS

N. G. Secretary.

Attest: JONATHAN DAVIS,

N. G. Secretary

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Religious World Abroad.

The Condition of England Question — The resumption of the session of Parliament revives the question of what is to be done for the relief of the oppression of all classes as well as the poor. England is in a prosperous condition, but the wealth is not distributed as it should be, and the working classes are in a constant struggle for bare existence. The Conservatives are the party which represents the principle of monarchy and always opposed labor and the oppressed. The Liberals are the party and a fair hope and influence. Metropolitan Railway Company, which has been working for years and providing for their workmen the advantages of the early morning train, has been refused by the London & Chatham people to use. Numerous petitions have been presented to Parliament on behalf of their properties of the children attend our state schools. But the greatest question of the day is memorializing to the hardest a law the agricultural classes are organizing a large and powerful party now asking larger, more beneficent through will be brought before Parliament, especially assuming large bodies of capital in the hands of their owners. The Irish question is also pressed to this way and by the trades unions may yet be among powerful political forces in England.

The resistance with the workingmen which we have been by a leading article in our last paper. The Independent and many other papers have taken up the religious, or ecclesiastical question. It has been in a fair way to be settled, but the Ritualistic party in the Church of England has thrown a firebrand into the ranks of the belligerents, and the end is not yet. The Bishop of London has issued a pastoral letter, in which he declares that the Ritualistic practices are illegal, and that he will not tolerate them. The Ritualistic party claims that the Bishop has no right to interfere with their practices, and declares that they will not submit to his authority. The Bishop of Exeter has also issued a pastoral letter to the same effect. The Ritualistic party is very strong, and it is thought that the Bishops will be unable to enforce their decrees. The Ritualistic party is composed of the High Church party, and is the party which is most opposed to the Reformation. It is the party which is most opposed to the Reformation. It is the party which is most opposed to the Reformation. It

POETRY

MY SAVIOUR.

I am not skilled to understand
What God hath willed, what God hath planned;
I only know, as life's right hand
Stands One who is my Saviour.

I take God at his word and deed
"Christ died to save me;" this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Saviour.

And had there been but he all this wide,
Sad world, no other soul beside,
But only mine, yet He had died
That I might be my Saviour.

One wounded spirit, sore oppressed,
One wearied soul that found no rest,
Will draw to me for I exist
In Him that was its Saviour.

Then had He left His Father's throne
Only for me, to live unknown,
And for that soul had given his own,
That he might be my Saviour.

And O, that He fulfilled may see
The travail of His soul in me,
And wash in his work contended be,
As I with my dear Saviour.

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My weary soul to Him this spring—
That he who lives to be my King,
Once died to be my Saviour.

—*Lora Greenleaf.*

HOME CIRCLE.

THE ADEQ MOTHER

BY MRS J. D. CHAPLIN.

Not long since a good-looking one in middle life came to our door, asking for the minister. When informed that he was out of town, he appeared disappointed and anxious. On being questioned as to his business, he replied, "I have lost my mother, and she has been to my home and as my father lies here, we have come to lay her beside him."

Our heart rose in sympathy, and we said, "you have met with a great loss."

"Well—yes," replied the stranger man with hesitancy, "a mother is a great loss in general; but our mother had outlived her useful ness. She had become childish and fretful, her mind was grown as weak as her body, so that she was a comfort to herself and was a burden to everybody. There were seven of us sons and daughters, and we could not find any one who would board her, we agreed to keep her among us by turns about, but I have had more than my share of her, for she was too feeble to be moved from one to the other, and that was more than three months before her death. But then she was my mother, and I was glad and toiled very hard to bring us up."

Nothing living at the face of the heartless man, we drew tied him to the house of a neighboring sister, and returned to our sorrow. We gazed on the merry little faces which smiled or grew sad in imitation of ours, knowing not to whose care and love they in our language is half so sweet as 'mother,' and we wondered if the time would ever come when they would say of us. 'She has outlived her usefulness,' she is no comfort to herself and a burden to everybody else, and we hoped that before such a day should dawn we might be taken to our rest. God forbid that we should outlive the love of our children. Hardest let us die while they are a part of their own, that our grave may be watered by their tears, and our love entwined with their hopes of Heaven.

When the bell tolled for the mother's burial, we went to the sanctuary to pay our only token of respect to the aged sufferer, for we felt that we could give her memory a tear, even though her own children had gone to shed.

"She was a good mother in her day and toiled hard to bring us all around with us comfort to herself, and a burden to everybody else!" These cruel, heartless words fell on our ears as we saw the coffin borne up the aisle. The bell tolling had ceased, and the iron tongue had chronicled the years of the toil-worn mother. One—two—three—four—five. How clearly and almost mercifully each stroke told of her once peaceful slumber in her mother's bosom, and of her rest at the nightfall on her weary father's knees. Six—seven—eight—nine—ten—rang out the tale of her sports upon the greensward, in the meadow, and in the flower. Eleven—twelve—thirteen—fourteen—spoke more grave and solemn days and fifteen—sixteen—seventeen—eighteen—sounded out the ruminated visions of womanhood, and the dream of early love. Nineteen brought before us the happy bride. Twenty spoke of the young mother whose heart was full to bursting with the new feelings which God had awakened in her heart. And then strode after stroke told of her early womanhood—of the love she received and hopes, and fears, and toils through which she passed during those long years, till fifty rang out the solemn knell. From that to sixty, each stroke told of the warm-hearted mother and grandmother, living over again in her own joys and sorrows in those of her children and children's children.

Every family of all this group wanted grandmother then, and there was not one who should secure the prize, but hark, the bell tolls on! Seventy—seventy-one—seventy-two—three. She begins to grow feeble, requires some care, is not always perfectly patient or satisfied; she goes from one child's home to another, so that no one place seems like home. She marmurs in private, frets, and utter all her toil and weariness, it is hard on earned and allowed a home—and that she must be sent rather than invited from house to house. Eighty—eighty-one—two—three—four. She is now a second child—how she has outlived her usefulness, she has now ceased to be a comfort to herself or anybody," that is she has ceased to be perfect in her earth-craving and fretful, nay grasping children.

Now sound, overwhelming through our bowels forest, and coming back from our "hill of the dead," mighty noise! There she lies now in the coffin, and those who have spoken so trouble her, demands no love, no soft words, no little attentions. A body of patient endurance—so fastened, also an expression of grief for unreturned love now on her marble features. Her children were there, clad in words of woe as in mourning we remember the strong many words. "She was a good mother in her day."

When the sound tolling the strange minister rose in the pulpit. His form was very tall, and his voice strong, and his whole was silvery white. He read several passages of Scripture, and offered up a prayer, calling to feeble man, and especially of his brethren who had been present, to ask for more strength faileth. He then made some touching remarks on human frailty, and our dependence on God, urging all present to shape their pass with their Master while in health that they might claim his promises when heart and health failed them. Then, he said, "the eternal test shall be thy refuge, and beneath thee shall be the everlasting arms." Leaning over the dark and gaping intently on the coffined form before him, he then said re-recently. "From a little child I have honored the aged; but never till grey hairs covered my own head, did I know truly how much love and sympathy they

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SCIENCE AND NATURE.

FORMATION OF MOUNTAINS AND CONTINENTS.

How the Andes and the Rocky Mountains of South America

The oldest part of that continent is the table land of Guiana over it is an old granite, as the northern portions of our continent. North America comprises two striking manner with South America both in form and geological constitution, and I shall allude repeatedly to the physical features of our continent with a view to point out the ravages being at this moment in South America, as I take it for granted that a knowledge of this country is more readily known.

The highest tilted part of the continent is the table land of Brazil the youngest at the, pointing to the Andes. It is of comparatively recent date, and a geologist will know you how geologists have succeeded in determining the relative values of different mountain chains. There was a time when the continent existed as an island, when the table land of Brazil existed as an island, but when the whole region of the Andes did not yet exist. The ocean has probably swept between those two islands from the Atlantic to the Pacific just as with us there was a time when what constitutes Canada and the United States was divided by a sea, but the great Canadian Lakes was a large island, stretching from Labrador to the Rocky Mountains, when no other part of the country of North America existed.

The geologists who were charged by the government with the survey of the mineral lands on Lake Superior has established beyond a doubt that the entire region of that portion of our continent is the oldest and that it was once a huge archipelago island, oblong narrow in the direction from north to south, narrower in the direction from east to west, that is, a large island extending in its east and west direction. This land was open and tilting off toward the Pacific just as in South America, and was open to the west, there being no Andes at that time.

You see, then, that our portion of the continent has been built by three great geological convulsions. The first was by a heave which what I mean by upheaval I shall explain presently—by the upheaval of the whole tongding in the direction of the Canadian lakes, then by the upheaval of the land and trending in the direction of the Alleghenies, and then the upheaval of the Rocky Mountains over the irregular shape of the continent of North America has been formed by these three heaves or mountain chains, that, in slightly modified proportions, in South America, likewise correspond, only the Canadian high land, the table land of Brazil corresponding to the Alleghenies region and the Rocky Mountains to the Andes.

The manner in which these upheavals have taken place is well understood by geologists, and yet I fear that I might not be able to explain with sufficient precision the formation of the Andes, so as to make a few general statements with reference to them appear clear. While earth was cooling from the state of primary igneous fusion, it naturally shrank; for every body known that materials in a solid state are larger than when cool. A bar of iron red hot to more than when cold. A bar of iron red hot to more than when cold. A bar of iron red hot to more than when cold

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POETRY.

BATTLE-SONG OF THE CHURCH.

BY A. BOSAN.

Fear not the foe, then flesh of God,
Fear not the sword, the spear, the rod,
Fear not the fire!
He fights in vain who fights with thee:
Soon shall thine enemies flee
Himself tell how.

Come, cheer thee to the tellend fight,
'Tis God's day of beholdeth right;
He leads thee on.
His eternal truth is nature every foe,
His shield shall ward off every blow;
The crown is won.

His is the battle, his be the praise,
His be the triumph in that hour;
In Him be strong.
So round thy brow the wreath shall twine,
So shall the victory be thine,
And thine the song.

Not long the fight, the toil, the event,
Not long the fight—a startling brief,
The issue is sure.
Mark not thy weapon in the fight;
Courage! for God attends the right!
Strike home! strike home!

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Christian Recorder.

A TOUR SOUTH.

On the 2d day of February, I left home in Baltimore for Washington, D. C., then on to Richmond, Va., where I spent Sunday the 3d of February. There are many places in Richmond worthy of note, such as Castle Thunder, Libby Prison and the mansion of Gen. Mr. Jefferson Davis once lived. The day spent in Richmond was a very pleasant one, the congregation at each service were large and attentive. At night there were several at the altar seeking an interest in Christ. The Church building will under the pastoral charge of that zealous Christian man, Rev. William D. Harris. At 4 o'clock, Monday, morning February 4th, I left Richmond, en route for Petersburg, there on to Weldon, N. C., there took the cars for Warrenton, N. C. There was a delay of my coming, and therefore no appointment had been made. The preacher, brother Bishop, had gone away, but the people soon got word that I was there, and at night the congregation was large and attentive. The colored people in Warrenton appeared to be doing well, many of them are mechanics, such as blacksmiths, carpenters, wheat wrights and cabinet makers, one colored man have a large grocery and dry goods store in the very middle of the town On Tuesday, February 5th, I left Raleigh, N. C., and arrived there early on Wednesday morning. The is a beautiful city, and being the capital of the State, and the Legislature being in session, there were a great many persons in the city. Rev. G. W. Brodie met one at the depot and gave me a very hearty welcome, and at night the people were expecting meeting, and some time before dark, the streets leading to the church were crowded, and one brother by the name of Hunter, desired the ladies to bring forty candles to the church so that it might be illuminated in better case (as he said) of the first African M. E. Church Bishop that ever visited that city. And it was illuminated; and every candle was made to hold a man woman or child, was filled with as pretty a congregation as I have spoken to for a great while. Their appearance was good and they seemed to possess a great deal of intelligence. The church building is entirely too small for the present congregation. The past-r and people are making arrangements to enlarge it this Spring. Brother Brodie is doing a great work in that city. On Thursday morning, February 7th, I left Raleigh for Charlotte, N. C., where I arrived about ten o'clock at night, and having to go over until the next morning, I spent the night with Mr. J. T. Sehenck, who I found to be worthy of a gentleman. The next morning I intended to leave for Columbia S. C., but the stage driver failed to call for me according to notice, and therefore I was forced to remain till Saturday morning, when I left for Columbia, S. C., and then on to Augusta, Ga., where I arrived the 12th of February. There was no one to meet me at the depot, and it was rather a bad fix to be in. Rev. W. H. Brown of Columbia was good enough to go with me, which made me feel rather better than if I had been by myself. We walked about the city, enquiring for Bro. Anderson; one lady told us he lived over in "Sunsa," which is a certain place in the city they call "Sunsa." We finally concluded that we could not reach "Cannon" that night and we had better remain where we were. We finally called at the National boarding house and spent the night. Next morning our host and landlord conducted us safely over into "Sunsa," where we found Brother Vandercleed and his family. We had waited for us till 2 o'clock the previous night. In August I spent Sunday, February 10th, and found a nice church and congregation. On Monday, February 11th, left for Macon, Georgia. After a long, slow and smoky ride, I arrived there about 9 o'clock at night, depot by Rev. H. M. Turner, who conveyed me to the place where I was to stay. The next morning about 8 o'clock I met Brother Turner, I attended the Sunday-school at brother Turner's church, and then I thought I would go over and hear brother Turner preach in a small company was raised and walked over the railroad bridge, and went as far as the table were situated. I was then requested to sit down, we repaired to the church, and such a congregation I have seldom seen—of all colors. They have a splendid, choir which sings equal to any that I have heard anywhere else. On Thursday morning, February 14th, I returned to Macon, Georgia, and at night addressed the young men of the city on the importance of early piety. There was a tremendous turn out present. The sons and sisters of the M. E. Church, South, turned out almost en masse, and gave me a hearty welcome to their city, assuring me of their sympathy. I must not forget to mention this part of my letter, that I never received greater marks of kindness in my whole time than received in Macon, Georgia: it was so much beyond my expectation that I am compelled to speak of it. The Superintendent of the Railroad (I do not recollect of my Brother, Rev. H. M. Turner) gave me a free pass from Macon to Columbus and back, and promised to do any thing in his power to facilitate my mission in the South.

Our churches in Georgia are large and well attended and the members are full of the current that I do not like to speak of them for fear it might be considered as exaggerated. Rev. H. M. Turner is perhaps the best people in Georgia, and they need he proud of such a man as he is. Friday morning, February 15th I took leave of the city of Macon for Columbus, where I arrived about six o'clock, and was met at the depot by my kind friend, Brother, Rev. A. L. Stanford: after a few moment's rest we repaired to the church. He was engaged in holding a love feast at the time—there were several at the altar. Brother Stanford is driving everything before him. He has commenced the erection of a large brick church, which is up one story, and also a fine parsonage which is nearly completed. It is said that brother Stanford is the wonder of the age in Sunday-sch, for pulpit oratory. Saturday morning, February 16th, I left Columbus for Augusta, Charleston, South Carolina. There is no railroad between these points, and I had to take the steamer for Savannah Bay. I thought there I reached Charleston that she was some kind of a boy, such as one as I do not wish to travel on again. On the 17th inst., a little after 8 o'clock P. M., I was passing Fort Sumpter, which shows the marks of General Gillmore's shells—a few minutes more and I was at the wharf and started in search of Rev. R. H. Cain's and soon found him and Brother Steward living comfortably together in the parsonage. It made me think of what David said: "How pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."

Sunday I spent Saturday night, Sunday morning bright and early, I visited the Sunday morning prayer meetings at brother Cain's and Steward's churches. It was a very pleasant sight to see so many aged persons out so early in the morning, to hear singing was like that of the Jews when returning to Zion. At ten o'clock I attended the Sunday-school at brother Cain's church, and was the largest school I ever attended. At eleven o'clock I attended service at this church, the congregation was large and attentive. At three o'clock P. M. I attended brother Steward's church. This is a fine congregation and brother Steward has a pleasant field of labor. At night I attended brother Cain's church again, and it was so full that it was with great difficulty that I could get in. It is said that slavery hardened had to go away, not lying able to get in. We have more than three thousand members in Charleston city. Rev. R. H. Cain is the great iron wheel in South Carolina, he goes by day and night, he has built a church at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars, and bought another for eight thousand dollars.

He has also purchased a plantation for an Old People's home at a cost of seven thousand dollars. The day I left he was about commencing for the erection of a large house for the accommodation of his people. He is indeed a great commander-in-chief. Monday morning February 18th I left Charleston for Columbia the Capital of the State, which presents one great mass of ruins. This is the great city that Sherman's army burnt down. Rev. Wm. H. Brown, of Baltimore is stationed here and there is no man more respected by his people, than brother Brown is. The trustees had to hire the City Hall to have meetings in as their church was entirely too small. About sundown the people commenced going and by seven o'clock every place was so filled that it was with difficulty that I was enabled to get in. The best of feeling prevailed in the large congregation, this is destined to be one among the many garden spots of the South. Tuesday morning the 19th at three o'clock A. M. I left the Capital of South Carolina, for Charlotte N. C., where I arrived about ten o'clock. There is no A. M. E. Church in Charlotte. I spent the evening with Zion church; there was a large congregation out. Wednesday morning Feb. 20th, I started for Greensboro N. C., arriving about two o'clock P. M., for Matthew Alston and his official men met me at the depot, and accompanied me to the place where I was to remain for the time being.

Greensboro is a very pleasant country town. The school is well attended, and the church has a large congregation and membership. Brother Alston is very much respected by all who know him. On Thursday Feb 21st, I did solicit to those people and started for Hillsborough, where I arrived, I was met by Rev Alex. Bass, minister in charge and several others. Our people worship in the court house. We met our people at church, as yet; this building is large enough to hold the large congregation that usually meet on the second Sunday in each month. On occasion. Friday Feb 22d, I left for Raleigh N. C., and spent another night with brother Brodie and his people. Sunday morning I called on ex-Gov. Holden, and the present one. There certainly was a very kind feeling exhibited by them to me on my visit. In no other places that I visited. Saturday morning Feb. 23d, found me on my way to Wilmington N. C., where I arrived about 4 o'clock. I arrived about six o'clock. My kind friend and brother Rev. J. B. V. Thomas was in the church. I found a very full congregation. Sunday Feb. 24th, I attended the church at Norfolk Va., under the pastoral charge of that zealous brother, Rev. Jas. Walker, who succeeded Rev. George T. Watkins, whose success this year has been very great. He has taken into his church about 300 members, besides the very three hundred souls. His church was well filled in the morning, but in the afternoon and evening it was crowded. Portsmouth is spend the evening with that gigantic minister man Rev. J. D. V. Thomas. He leads a noble life, and is beloved by all who know him. other sciences which are useful to his people. "He is monarch of all he surveys." In Portsmouth, Va. the colored community in respect him as a gentlemen and Christian. Monday afternoon Feb. 25th, I left for home, and by way of Petersburg, Va. Tuesday morning visited our work in the South, I desire to give you readers an idea of the operations of our missionary army. I begin with Rev. H. M. Turner, so he is a remarkable pioneer and excellent forager in new countries, or pending country, we drive every thing before him. Rev. A. L. Stanford loves an open field, he constitutes our infantry at Raleigh, Va., and Rev. Jas. Walker, Rev. Williams Reve Watkins, and Thomas are stationed along the waters near Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., and are employed very gallantly and win many laurels in their warfare. Rev. George W. Brodie mans the Capital of South Carolina, Columbia. The army is not complete without a flying artillery that is found in the person of Rev. R. H. Cain, Charleston S. C. Between Rev. C. Pearce mans the gunboat to Florida, with, brother Williams leads the militia at Wilmington—prepared for battle. They have one captain, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose orders they all must obey and march under the banner and onward the watchword. And should bigotry, (the spy,) be found any where lurking about the camp, he will take the stranger by the hand over to brother Harris at Richmond, Va., to be buried in the grave of forgetfulness, and may he never more be remembered. That I have seen in Eastern Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, I think the following letter will serve well as could be expected. They appear to be industrious, I saw no idlers, no drunkards among the colored people living comfortably together. I think it was the most surprising to me was, I did not hear a sarcastic remark from any one at all. The only thing that I could complain of was, they gave me plenty of smoke in the cars night and day. There is about twenty five thousand members added to our church since the war in that portion of the South which I visited.

A. W. WATKINS.

Baltimore, March 1st, 1867.

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM REV. D. D. WARREN.

BROTHER EDITOR:—Before this I should have written you a few lines, not that I could have furnished you with any particular matter for publication, believing that the interest you or your many readers, I should have written, because I believe it is a duty and a privilege for every one professing to be a child of God to write to his friends. When I left in Cleveland, so happily seated in the house of God, but also to others who are no less dear to us, in a field where I have been laboring, I trust with some success.

I should have dropped you a line or two, because it is a duty I owe to you and our General Book Steward. The clergymen with others belonging to our great connection, are very much in need for your assistance, efforts in giving on the *Christian Recorder*. I cannot forget the telling remarks you made at our last Conference for your paper, "That if our organ ever was to have great weight and influence among our people, our ministers must be the supporting power." Your remarks were timely, they were wise. Just what our brethren should learn, and practically and prominently before them.

The reason why I have delayed. I have been waiting (impatiently) for an opportunity to commence my little story at this point. When I was appointed by my superior officer (bold) says one, you should have said—godly judgment, of your Bishop? Well, then, you can use this latter phrase in your heart's content, I prefer the former on the present occasion.—[

Our army commenced to move about five weeks ago, with little or no success. Young men are to expect nothing in the literary line, making light at us and our efforts. But we give thanks to God, that the most prominent among them were made to tell three weeks since, and cry for mercy. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, about twenty young men became outspoken afresh, they were pray to God and cry for their conversion. The scene beggars all description. We brought into our camp between thirty and forty wrestling, pleading for mercy. At least thirty five have found peace. They appear to have no disposition to leave us, they are happy, peaceful and contented, the fact is, they have fallen in love with Jesus.

Among those who have joined us we have some sons of God, and young men I have ever seen. Let me relate one or two instances of their wish-release. One is a young man, I heard in last Christmas evening while leaving the door of our church, sowing and bemoaning our church and also her dear brother. He went to the Baptist Church that same evening, got into a fight and was seriously wounded. A button saved his life. They ought him home and he is the one who aimed to take his life kneeling by his side, pleading for mercy. There is also a young man who was baptized by our minister in the house of God a few weeks since, so much so, that one of our trustees threatened to have him arrested. He with others, attacked brother Beatty on the highway; it was only the fleetness of his horse that saved his life. He came to our camp meeting and made to pay a heavy fine; now this young man has also found favor with God. He's very much in love with Jesus and the young men in our Sabbath-school, who once took delight in breaking the Sabbath. Pray for us. Our brethren are suffering a persecution—thirty-five persons anxiously seeking the Lord.

Pray, Brother John M Brown's letter in your last issue, is truly a credit to his heart and head. Well done, John, give us two or three more of the same sort. A progressive man, a lover of mankind.

Brethren, what are we doing to form a union and organize? Suppose we should send all of our energies to that great minister; we must be no people, as a religious people, we are a brilliant success, especially for the glory of God, and the prosperity of our race; and only to think, we soon shall be a political power, affording a powerful influence in this our country. Let us put away all selfishness, come let us shake hands and be united, and work lovingly together, having but one aim and object in view, the happiness of our fallen creatures. Should a meeting be held in this place, or by the next General Conference, our children will rise up and call us blessed.

Yours in the work, REV. D. D. WARREN.

Zanesville, Ohio, Feb. 12th, 1867.

For the Christian Recorder.

FROM REV. W. D. SCHUREMAN.

DEAR BROTHER LYNCH:—This is to inform you and the readers of the RECORDER, that I have arrived safely in Florida. It is nearly three years, the first year we collected five hundred dollars, ($500,) with which we took a lot and built a church, the second year we collected six hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-five cents, ($662,75) with which we have collected up to present date, six thousand and eighty-five dollars ($6085,) yet we fail to have a church, or a place for our building. Sir, we are not building by contract. We are buying our materials, employing workmen by the week, and have not been rushed and furnished our parsonage, and paid for it, and about six thousand dollars more, and the church will be completed. I think I have not failed to prepare my people to receive any minister that Bishop Payne may at the next Annual Conference appoint to the charge.

Yours for justice, the law and consistency.

W. D. SCHUREMAN.

Baltimore, Md., Feb 24th, 1867.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The colored people of Texas held a Convention last December. We were informed that an account of its proceedings had been sent us, but we have not received it.

OBERLIN SCHOOL.—A public school for colored children was opened on the 21st at Placerville, Cal. The Courier says that but fifteen children are enumerated in the legal census as likely to claim its benefits, and that their proportion of the school fund is consequently quite large.

REV. G. B. TAYLOR, of Staunton, Va., in a private note, writes to his friends that he has been preaching at Richmond, Va.. "I baptized four interesting colored converts last Sabbath. Our colored congregations are very good, and as appreciative of my labors as in Baltimore. They have been in the habit once a month by a colored brother from Albemarle. Our colored members generally are good people, and some of them present instances of bright piety."

THE WORLD'S CONVERSION NOT NEE HANDS TO GOD.—The Rev. William Taylor, formerly a member of the Baltimore Conference, A. M. E. Church, has just arrived in England, after making the tour of the earth as an evangelist. His Sandwich Island, Australian, and Cape Colony labors, but the most signal success has attended his efforts in South Africa. The *Wesleyan Times* (an English paper) says, "The tale of trophies from among the heathenish as having been added to the number of the saved, is by no means meagre by any means, but not a few Europeans are among the new converts."

New Jersey has 2,231 colored citizens old enough to vote. Three cases are now pending before the courts of that State which will involve their right to vote.

A Methodist church in Albany protests against the monstrosity at the sacrament table.

The whipping post is still in use in Portsmouth, Va., as three colored persons were flogged a few days since.

The colored boarders employed in the tobacco factories of Petersburg are on the strike for higher wages.

A murderer in the Tyrol jail was recently married to a young lady of that city.

Owing to Sunday's storm—The 44th U. S. Colored Infantry under command of Colonel Mills, will shortly leave for South Carolina, having been ordered to duty in that Department.

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DEACONESSES.—OR SISTER PHEBE.

ROMANS XVI: 1, 2

The business of sister Phebe is not well understood by the common people. Various opinions are entertained as to what is her official mission. Some maintain that preaching, or exhorting, constitutes her office. Others, that it is a pronounced religious assembly was a prominent part of her work; and that to such exercises she became a successor of many. This is a radical misapprehension of the matter. Phebe was not the eighteenth century "Methodist preacher," nor even the modern "Sister" who has become employed in the great reformation the event is now being accomplished without blood. The dimensions appertaining to the work are not to be measured by the rod, or the line. Those of the cross of England and Scotland, made the circuit of the globe in the dark ages, but without blood. From which reflection behind a sea of blood, and the cross of Christ, whilst the restoration of Churches, the united Church of England and Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of America is now going on, and will be accomplished by peaceful means. The

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REV. ELISHA WEAVER.

We earnestly call the attention of our readers to the notice of brother Weaver's tour, which appears in another column. He goes out to seek subscribers, to collect debts, and supply the people with hymn books. His tour may be made a grand success, if every one will appreciate its importance. Now is the time to subscribe for the *Christian Recorder*.

Brethren who owe money, will please take into consideration our pressing need for it.

A GOOD MOVEMENT.

We call the attention of our readers to a notice appearing in another column, which informs the public that Miss Jackson will lecture for the auspices of the Banneker Institute on the 14th inst. This lady is well known as the female Principal of the Institute for Colored Youth, of this city, she is deservedly entitled to the high reputation she enjoys for rare scholarship. Her success as a teacher in this community, gives her a large claim on public esteem. Her devotedness to the cause of intellectual and moral improvement, do as her own, soul and her great natural endowments unquestionably fit her to instruct from the platform. Let all who can, attend the lecture at Liberty Hall, Thursday next, 14th inst.

Banneker Institute comprises a large number of the most intelligent and prominent young gentlemen of the city, and deserves the thanks of the citizens for affording this rich treat.

FREDERICK DOUGLAS IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Frederick Douglass was admitted to the floor of the House of the Michigan Legislature on the 21st ultimo. He was introduced by the Speaker to that body while in session, and was received with applause. We have no doubt, that Mr. Douglass could be elected in his district, in Rochester, to the New York State Legislature. We shall soon see him at as member of Congress before he dies.

PAYING DEBTS.

A worthy contemporary gives us the following, which should be read and pondered by all who owe money to the A. M. E. Book Concern or anybody else.

"Men may sophisticate as they please.—They can never make it right, and all the bankrupt laws in the universe cannot make it right for them not to pay their debts.—There is a sin in this neglect as clear and as deserving church discipline as in stealing or false swearing. He who refuses his promise to pay, or withholds the payment of a debt when it is in his power to meet the engagement, ought to feel that in the sight of all honest men he is a swindler. Religion can be a very comfortable cloak under which to hide, but it cannot, does not make a man dead justly, it is not worth having."

ORNAMENTS OF THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

Among the officers of the American Colonization Society, are the following highly distinguished patriots (?) and philanthropists (?): Bishops Andrew, Soule and Early of the M. E. Church, South, ex-Senator Bell of Tennessee, Millard Fillmore, (ex-President of the United States,) of Fugitive Slave Bill renown, and Franklin Pierce, in whose guilty gray head rest the crime of the sacrifice of Free State men in Kansas. What a promising set of Christians to "elevate the Negro." They boast that they have not changed their opinions on the "negro question." They stand by their colors to the day just what he was when he made The rash start after the children of Israel, when they were going out of Egypt.

A SOUTHERN GOVERNOR AND COLORED CITIZENS.

Governor Orr, of South Carolina, who is possessed of unusual political sagacity and ability, addressed a large assemblage of colored citizens, at Charleston, South Carolina, not long since, as follows:

"As the chief executive of the State, it perhaps becomes me to say to you, and to reiterate what I have said to other assemblages of colored men, that I intend, so long as I continue to discharge the functions devolved upon me by the people of South Carolina, that those who attempt to outrage or oppress you, shall have the laws enforced against them. And I shall step forward wherever it becomes necessary, to steer you against what may be the pressure or prejudice of any locality, or against an unjust construction and an unjust punishment. (Applause.)

"Now, education is a matter of very great consequence. I am glad to know you have organized schools here. Your people will be classed with reference to schools, as the whites in many other places in South Carolina are. In many places schools cannot be organized. As the best school in the Legislature, I have no doubt a common school system will be inaugurated, which I will embrace the colored as well as the white race.

I am prepared to stand by the colored man who is able to read the declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. I am prepared to give the colored man who can do this, the privilege of going to the ballot-box and voting. [Tremendous applause]

The cause is growing! He will say more than this, the next time he speaks [Ed.]

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Over the mountains of prejudice against the colored man, who is akin to our political horizon, the rising sun of pure Republicanism now casts its glimmering rays and we are encouraged because we know that the first ray of the moonlight will be the light of Republican ideas which shines forth at noon. Let every colored man in this land—let every colored man in the United States—and reports on account of the passage of the Reconstruction Bill over the veto of the stubborn and pitiable President of the United States.

We remember well that on the 4th of July, 1863, to the night-security guard of the Independence of the United States, that the loyal citizens of South Carolina—colored people, by thousands, and officers of the United States Government—met in the grove surrounding the Baptist church, on St. Helena Island, along the coast of South Carolina. The exercises were under the management of Reuben Tomlinson, General Superintendent of Freedmen, a prominent citizen of Philadelphia. On the spacious platform were the lamented Col. Shaw, Major Hallowell, several members of the staff of Major General Saxton, and a number of civilians who represented Northern abolitionism.

We were appointed to deliver the oration on this occasion, and, during its delivery, urged the thousands of Freedmen assembled, to remember in this community, gratitude they were destined, in less than five years, to have a voice in the choice of State officers and in legislation. That remark caused those abolitionists then They thought that the speaker was "*crazy and injudicious*, because of his youth." Now what is the fact? Every loyal man in the South, whether he was born there, or fixed his way there from the North, since the war closed, decrees that the colored man should vote.

The Reconstruction Bill, just passed by both houses of Congress over the veto of our unfortunate President, is the expression of the feelings and opinions of a majority of the citizens of the United States. The Bill practically establishes the right of the colored man to vote in every State that surpassed in the great struggle. The Bill says to the ex-slaveholders of the South, that they shall not form a government without consulting those who were their slaves or in bondage. The ex-slaves of Messrs. Toombs, Iverson and others, who once dictated to treasonable governments, will have far more power to determine the character of those Southern State Governments than those once powerful politicians have.

Movements are on foot in every loyal State to strike the word "white" out of their Constitutions. Where such movements have not been wholly successful, they are only temporarily stayed by the now supported and "conservative" republican party, but will sweep triumphantly over it, as does the current of a rapid river over any obstruction that may lie in its course.

The striking out of the word "white" from all State Constitutions suffrage in the District of Columbia, has opened the way which will be followed in every State of the Union that now withholds suffrage on account of color. The popular voice of the nation demands it. It is one of the great ideas of the United States, marching on in giant-like strength and speed, and he who resists it must and will be crushed.

THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES.

[Synopsis of a sermon preached at Bethel Church on Sunday afternoon last.—*March 3, Inst.*]

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—*Hebrews* xii. 1.

This passage refers to the professed followers of Christ.

I. The number of witnesses of the Christian's work is innumerable; hence, they are called a "cloud," and the fact that we are "compassed about" by them, indicates the untold importance of their influence for good.

I. These witnesses may be divided into three classes.

a. Those who have died in the Faith and left their testimony on record.

b. Those fellow men in and out of the Christian Church.

c. God our Father, the angels, and the saints of all ages.

2. The first class of this "cloud of witnesses," seems to through the record of the past, testify, that every flood of opposition, every inciting fiend of persecution, every distinction between free and a better world, may be triumphantly passed by the humblest soldier in the army of the Lord. We hear the testimony of the "cloud of witnesses" in the Church of deliverd Israel, when hundreds of thousands of people sing exultingly unto God on the banks of the Red Sea, through which they had passed. We hear it in the expression of Job when he said, "I am ripened and decayed flesh, having no earthly friend cries out, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." We hear it in the cry of Daniel in Babylon, all the way along, as we travel from the days of Moses to the time of St. John the Divine.

2. The second class of witnesses are all around us, in our households, at our places of business or labor, and on every street we travel. If a man exhibits a machine for which he has a patent right, and denies that it should be brought into use—how exceedingly anxious is he that it should work well while on exhibition. The Christian is surrounded by as "great a cloud of witnesses," that he is always on exhibition—before the world and the ungodly. This fact takes the responsibility resting on the professed Christian a fearful one. Halting in church affairs has been the root cause, which in many offices keeps the fruit of the gambling house. A pious father sends his child to the grog shop to buy a quart of beer for him—this little witness may view the latter's moral character. A man may be a degraded worthless drunkard! As thoughtless children enter their father's garden and scatter the seeds which are to be the food for his table—so with good seed, or do Christians thoughtless of the great cloud of witnesses surrounding them, sow the seeds of conversion by bad example and a want of consistency of character

4. The third class of witnesses, more important than all, is composed of God our Father, angels and the saints of all ages who have been conveyed from the heights of Lookout Mountain to the higher attainment of his valiant corps with the enemy. We are therefore inspired by it. We are invested mutually by God and the millions on high who yearn for our entrance to the heavenly world.

5. All of these witnesses will testify for us, or against us, in the last day

6. To labor faithfully for Christ there must be a separation from the world. This figure used in the text, borrowed from the custom in ancient days of racing for prizes, is a great one. The more we do it this day we are in a favorable condition for running.

7. Nearly every Christian feels the necessity of laying aside weights and besetting sins. Sometimes they are nobly associated with the Church, and class of circumstance of irreligious tendency which have surrounded us. Frequently they are the very people of changing, the hasty temper, proneness to jealousy, intense selfishness, &c.

8. Assured by the Master of our work, and by the witnesses whose testimony is recorded, that triumph will be ours both in this world and in the world to come, according activity. If men will embark on a business to discover an unknown land beyond the seas of danger, the fact that they endured the tempests rage, or lying becalmed in its unrippled surface with no guarantee that they might succeed in the business, would be no welcome their bark. Oh! how glad should we be, embark on the heaven-bound vessel—build and planned on Mount Calvary. Then, not we stand the storm, the darkness, the dead calm on the waters, when the hand-bills hailed the land of Canaan. A great work lies before us, the future character of the rising generation is in our hands, sought help us to be ready for this work, as did the racer in the ancient games—by laying aside every weight, and the sin that did so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us.

IS THE CHURCH HELPING THE DEVIL?

Nothing but a sense of duty to the Christian Church and our race, prompts the remarks we make in this article. The *Christian Weekly Review*, (organ of the African Methodist Zion Church,) which this article condemns, is not popular, or to withhold, and the public good regarded, it would be a great pleasure. The editors, Revs. Messrs Jones, Peck and Peck, are Christian gentlemen. The two first named have been faithful pastors for many years, and are well known as Christian gentlemen. Of our Lord Jesus Christ Her Mr. Day congratulated the *Christian Recorder*, only a few days since, on their ability, consistency, and success in the public good regarded, it would be a great pleasure. The editors, Revs. Messrs Jones, Peck and Peck, are Christian gentlemen. The two first named have been faithful pastors for many years, and are well known as Christian gentlemen. Of our Lord Jesus Christ Her Mr. Day congratulated the *Christian Recorder*, only a few days since, on their ability, consistency, and success in the maintained with the *Standard*. This is what we delight in doing and it is because we love the Church, and because we love the public good, that we inquire if that journal does not leave itself liable to the charge of being unfaithful to the cause of Christian morality, and thereby lowering the standard of Christianity.

Our first question I. It publishes on its second page, editorial side, a notice of a "Grand Promenade Concert," which announces that all the United States, marching on in giant-like strength and speed, and he who resists it must and will be crushed.

Speculation 2 It publishes on the editorial page, second side, a notice of Grand Ball for the Faithful Few." Tickets, admitting a lady and gentleman, $2.00. Now, we have examined *Weekly Review*, Feb. 20th, page 2d, column 7th.

Speculation 3 It may be considered as giving countenance to liquor drinking by publishing an advertisement of a boarding house, which contains the following:

"The Liquor Department is entirely separated from the Eating House. The Bar-room department can be found a first-rate assortment of the finest Cognacs, Brandies, Whiskies and Gins, at wholesale and retail."

Query, *Zion's Standard and Weekly Review* of Feb 20th, and many preceding issues contain notices of this kind, considered as giving countenance to gaming by inserting the following advertisement

"Billiard Bar and Billiard Rooms, No 73 Broad street, &c."

Query, *Zion's Standard and Weekly Review*, Inst., page 2d, column.

Now, *Zion's Standard and Weekly Review* proclaims in large capitals underneath its honorable name, that it is "Religious, but not Sectarian." Devoted to Religion, Temperance, Literature Science and Arts, General Interests of the People." It also proclaims in the first column, that it is "published by the corporation of the African M E. *Zion* Church in the interest of the General Conference and of the connection," and underneath this statement stands the names of honored members of the Gospel as follows:

How, then, do these notices and advertisements of Balls, Promenades, Liquor saloons, &c., harmonize or comport with the high mission of teaching religion and practicing which it professes. Are our people willing to support—for a one dollar balls at New York City,' and its respectable bar and billiard saloons and the promenade concerts' at Arcana Hall? How do advertisements of the Missionary Society, Bible, tions arrangements, or the Superintendent's notices of a conference, be held, but, undoubtedly on the one side of a ball, promenade or bar-room advertisement. But it may be said that these advertisements are a matter of business, and the editors and publishers are not responsible for their tendency or character. This renders us not responsible if the publishers overrule them and then it seems they should resign rather than submit. But the publishers of the journal are responsible to God and man for endorsing immorality by the insertion of those advertisements, they falsify their pledges to the community and religion, they paralize what ever Christian influence the journal might exert. Such advertisements are calculated to do what claims to be an instrument for the moral and religious elevation of our people.

Indeed, there is no evidence on the face of the notice alluded to as Specification 3d and 4th, except the style in which they are set up, that they are advertisements, for they are not marked as such.

Query, Is it not calculated to confuse and mislead the unwary, to publish such unchristian advertisements as were found in the *Weekly Review* of Oct. 17th, on page 2d, column 7th, which run as follows.

"*A Row in Spring Street*.—The sounds of a mighty disturbance were rife at No. 133 Spring street, on Saturday night, and we brought a number of policemen quickly to the spot. They found a large old fashioned free fight in full swing every body but himself—

"*Bull Beating Fight*.—Billings Meadowsweet, his wife Maria, had a fight, in which every known implements unknown to civilized or barbarous warfare, were freely used. The most expressive are regrets that we were not aware of the fight prior to its end, and consequently taking place, or we should have, subordinated to our duty to report to be over.

But complacency gave way as our eyes were pulled to rest on the Hall, Billiard and Barroom attached with frenzies

Now, if it is necessary to make a paper that suits the taste of those who frequent balls, barrooms and billiard saloons, we will not specially object to their right to do it, or taking place, or we should have, subordinated to our duty to report to be over.

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Now, if it is necessary to make a paper that suits the taste of those who frequent balls, barrooms and billiard saloons, we will not specially object to their right to do it, or that an editor is, to a reasonable extent, responsible for the character of an advertisement, under the plea that he is only required to publish that which will check their feelings. How great is the responsibility of those who have control of religious periodicals.

How would a minister of Zion's Church feel in Mobile, Ala., after preaching a sermon against the evils of balls and billiard saloons, if he introduced the organ of his church, presented over the communion table a paper containing the following notice or inspection, and the first thing that met the eye of the person taking hold of it, was a notice of a Ball, or Billiard saloon?

What do strangers in our own and foreign lands think of a church whose organ publishes notices of balls, promenades, such as *Bonner's Ledger*, the *Nation*, or the *Anti-Slavery Standard* would indignantly refuse. If editors are responsible, as they are by pandering to the dictates of those whose money accepts are few, it had better not exist. If Christ's Church is to be tossed upon the waves, pointing the traveller "to no fifth solemn main," to a high standard of religion and morality, they had better be cut off from their anchorage and drift out of sight.

MAJ. GEN. O. O. HOWARD.

Gen. Howard lectured under the auspices of the Social, Civil and Statistical Association, in Concert Hall on Thursday evening of last week. He discovered mainly on the condition of the Freedmen, and as he opened the Bible on the Genesis, took a look at our brethren; and though it is a pity that they have to be in a Bureau at all, we readily admit that they are better off than they would be in the hands of these Southern gentlemen who are "the best friends of the negro, if he will remain a slave."

The General was received by a large audience of both colors, with great enthusiasm. He has a reception at Bethel on Monday evening next, and will doubtless receive a large crowd. He is a pure Christian worth, he is the Havelock of the American army, so valiant and skilful in war, he ranks with the great military heroes of the age; so patriotic and liberty-loving, which we have abundant reason to believe will ever surround him with the atmosphere of love.

The colored men of the South, though poor and despised will one day reward at the ballot box, those who have been faithful to their interest

REV. R. P. MARTIN.

Rev. R. P. Martin is regular ordained ordered Baptist minister, who has excellent recommendations, is in our city soliciting aid to build their church, on Bedford and Hillsboro, N. C. We have every confidence in Rev. Mr. Martin, and earnestly commend him and his people to the favorable notice of the public.

Mr. Martin will receive books or clothing for the Freedmen.

COLORED TENNESSEAN AT WORK IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

A few days since, the colored citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, held an immense meeting at the Avery African Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Rev. Dr. Spencer is Pastor, in celebration of their emancipation. Their resolutions were patriotic in the extreme, and they were mainly directed for while thanking the legislature for restoring them the right to vote, they very loudly and forcibly protested against their exclusion from jury duty and the privilege of holding office.

We predict that not a democratic office in Tennessee will support Andrew Johnson.

$20,000 FOR WILBERFORCE.

A well known gentleman writes March 4th, from Boston, Mass. saying "Twenty thousand dollars is now in Boston for Wilberforce providing an acceptable agent

LOOK OUT.

We intend making a tour to our native State, North Carolina, on behalf of our Book Concern and paper, and will try to visit the following places:

Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. Thursday the 7th, spending Sabbath in both places.

Franklinton N. C. on Wednesday night, the 13th inst.

From the 14th to the 18th, at Raleigh, Shiloh Church.

We also wish to visit Chapel Hill, Goldsborough, Plattsborough, Hayward, and from Danes to Fayetteville, where we expect to arrive on Sunday the 24th inst. Thence to Wilmington, North Carolina, to meet the Conference, which meets there on the 28th inst. We hope that our old North Carolina friends will be on the look-out.

ELISHA WEAVER.

March 9—3t

MATTERS IN GENERAL.

Our Texas are tendered to Mr Stokes of Conference Hill, for a copy of the proceedings of the Illinois State Convention of Colored men

Chicago Ill.—We hope our good friends in this city will communicate with us frequently in reference to their churches and societies, and also the public school system of that city. Our papers are a highly progressive people, and whatever pertains to their affairs, is of great interest.

W. E. Matthews, Agent of the Parent Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, is at present in Boston. Since January 15th, he has collected one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars. This sum is more than can be granted that the Missionary Secretary, Rev. John M. Brown, has been equally successful. We are glad to learn that the Rev. Mr. Brown has done well, and that the receipts of missionary moneys from the Conferences will be equal to last year. We are encouraged to believe that the next annual financial report of the Parent Missionary Society, will be unprecedented in its favorable exhibit; area after allowance is made for the semi-centenary missionary fund, which was contributed to swell its funds. Mr. Matthews report will be published next week.

Union With Zion A M Church.—A meeting of the Ecclesiastical Council of Zion Church, Sixth street, Philadelphia, was held on last Thursday evening a week, to consider the expediency of uniting with a contemplation. The decision was almost unanimous against union on the terms proposed. It is understood that the Council of Consolidation."

The Peabody Gift.—We are exceedingly anxious to get an indication that any person in the United States has received any gift of Mr Peabody, will be appropriated for the benefit of colored persons. It is to be hoped that some application will soon be made to Mr. Winthrop and others, that will put the disposition of those to whom the trust is given to the test.

The Concert given under the auspices of the U. B. C. of this city, at National Hall, on last Tuesday evening, was a grand success in having a large attendance, and gratifying general satisfaction

SHALLS AND GLEAVES.

We call the attention of our readers to the business notices of Messrs. Soulls and Gleaves, in our advertising column. The enterprising firm is driving a good business in Washington, and is worthy of patronage. Capt. Soulls will be remembered by some of the horses of the war, and Mr Gleaves is favorably known throughout the country

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Mrs John Tasker, wife of the pastor of the A. M. E. Church, New Orleans, and Miss Edmonia S., Hughgate were cordially received at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Church, Sullivan street, N. Y., for the highly successful hospitality they have extended to them.

Theological school for colored ministers has been established at Augusta Ga. There are thirty in attendance. A second preliminary of high culture has been assigned the charge of it.

Bishop Ogden of the M E. Church South, in a letter the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, says:

"We have lost millions of dollars by having our slaves taken from us by the Federal power, and we accept the issue in good faith, and intend to abide by it, but my convictions and opinions are not changed."

Of a pity the Southern Bishop is too old to learn from what God has shown him during the past few years.

Rev. T M. D. Ward, Elder of A. M. E. Church, Washington, D. C. has put forward a handsome present on the first of January, he then expresses himself:

I deeply feel my obligations to him thanks for the citizens of Nevada county for the kind manner in which they treated me on the glorious First. They made my heart glad by giving me fifty dollars. A thousand blessings rest upon generous hearted Nevada."

Rev Dr Newman.—The following from the Methodist, of New York city in its last issue seems to indicate that Dr Newman may be speedily removed from the editorial chair of that paper. Dr. Newman has been editor for four years, and the action of the Book Committee, and the vote subsequent on confirmation—the membership, the Book Committee, and the vote subsequent on confirmation—the membership, the Book Committee, and the vote subsequent on confirmation—the membership,

of Congressmen. The Fortification Appropriation bill was passed. The Army appropriation bill, as to the mileage of the Naval officers, was disagreed to. Appropriations reported by 37 yeas to 11 nays.

Feb. 27.—The Navy Appropriation bill was passed. Among the appropriations are $51,000 for the Navy Yard and $10,000 for the Naval Hospital at Philadelphia. The Tariff bill was considered.

Feb. 28.—Democratic resolution of inquiry in reference to Canadian Confederation, declaring "that the people of the municipalities are not friendly to the United States of a powerful monarchy, under the support of a foreign power, formed or regulated otherwise than as being hostile to the peace and friendship that exist between the Republic and monarchy; the President to refuse to those whether any recommendations may be received for the liberation against the consideration of all the British North American provinces, or any of them, into a confederation on the principle of the British North American act, and the union of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada, be referred to the Foreign Committee. The bill providing for an abatement of twenty dollars and the appointment of a Marshal for the Supreme Court was passed. An attempt to force up the Army Appropriation bill and the Chaplain Bill—Senate bill requiring the Army Appropriation bill was then passed over the veto, by a vote of 30 yeas to 9 nays. Conference reports on the bill, on the Navy Appropriation bill and on the Legislative Appropriation bill were adopted.

March 1.—A proposition to admit colored children in South Carolina, a report of testimony taken in regard to Southern affairs, by Senator Morton, and our the submission to the Fortieth Congress, the last of seven years service in the Senate declared Thirty-ninth Congress adjourned sine die.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

Senate.—March 4.—The Senate of the Fortieth Congress was called to order by Mr. Wade, at 12:20 P.M. Prayer was offered and a quorum present. No President.

House.—March 4.—The House was called to order by the Clerk, and the roll of members called. Nineteen States answered to their names. Mr. Boutwell, of N. Y., presented a petition signed by the Democratic members of the New York Senate, asking for an extension until the Senate were more fully represented. The petition was received, and the House organized by re-electing Mr Colfax Speaker and Mr. Leonard Swett Clerk.

THE MILITARY RECONSTRUCTION BILL.

The Military Reconstruction Bill as passed over the President's veto, is as follows:—

Whereas, no legal State Government or adequate protection for life or property now exist in the rebel States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and whereas, it is necessary that peace and good order should be enforced in said States until loyal and republican governments can be legally established, therefore—

Be it enacted, &c., That said rebel States shall be divided into military districts and made subject to the military authority of the United States, as hereinafter mentioned; and for that purpose Virginia shall constitute the first District, North Carolina and South Carolina the second District, Georgia, Alabama and Florida the third District, Mississippi and Arkansas the Fourth District, and Louisiana and Texas the Fifth District.

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of the President to assign to the command of each of said districts an officer of the army not below the rank of brigadier-general, and to detail a sufficient military force to enable such officer to perform his duties and to maintain the peace and good order in which he is hereby required.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of each officer assigned as aforesaid to protect all persons in their rights of person and property, to suppress insurrection, disorder and violence, and to punish or cause to be punished all disturbers of the public peace and criminals, and to this end he may allow local civil courts to take jurisdiction of and try offenders, or when in his judgment it may be necessary for the trial of offenders, he shall have power to organize military commissions or tribunals for such purposes and all interference under color of State authority with the exercise of military authority under this act shall be null and void.

Sec. 4. That no person shall be elected or appointed to any office or place in the said military districts who is disloyal, or who shall not be able to take the oath prescribed in the act approved July 2, 1862, and known as the ironclad oath; and all persons who shall hereafter be appointed to any office, civil or military, shall be required to take and subscribe said oath; and all persons who shall hereafter take said oath who are disloyal, or who shall by said oath, or otherwise, give aid or comfort to any enemies of the United States, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any military commission, shall be punished as said commission may direct.

Sec. 5. That the word "article" in the fifth section of the act entitled "An act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," passed March 2, 1867, shall be construed to include votes; and when any person shall offer to vote at any election mentioned in said act, and shall take and subscribe any oath prescribed by any law of the United States, or by any law of any State, as a prerequisite or qualification for voting, and his vote shall be received and counted at such election, such person shall be deemed to have performed the act of registering or causing himself to be registered under said act, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges granted by said act to persons who have performed that act; and the production of the certificate of registry, or the poll-list, or other official list of the election, showing that such person has voted, shall be conclusive evidence of his right to vote and of the fact of his voting at such election; and any person who shall wilfully impersonate any duly registered voter, and on such impersonation shall vote, or offer to vote, in the name of such voter, shall be punished as hereinbefore provided for persons who attempt to register without authority.

Sec. 6. That when the people of any one of said rebel States shall have formed a constitution of government in conformity with the Constitution of the United States in all respects, framed by a convention of delegates elected by the male citizens of said States 21 years old and upwards, of whatever race, color or previous condition, who shall have been registered on the first or any subsequent day of registration prescribed by such convention, by any officer or board of officers designated or appointed for that purpose by the commanding general in command of the district; and when such convention shall have framed such constitution therein provided for persons who have been disfranchised for participation in the rebellion or for felony at common law, but when such convention shall provide that the elective franchise shall be enjoyed by such persons as have the qualifications herein stated for the electors of delegates, and when such constitution shall have been submitted by such convention to the people at an election to be appointed by the commanding general in command of the district, at which election the persons and none others qualified as electors for delegates to such convention shall have the right to vote, and when such constitution shall be ratified by a majority of the persons voting upon the question of ratification who are qualified as electors for delegates, and when such constitution shall have been submitted to Congress for examination and approval, and Congress shall have approved the same, and when said State by a vote of a majority of the electors qualified as aforesaid, shall have adopted the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the XXXIst Congress, and known as article [illegible], when said article shall have become part of the Constitution of the United States, and State shall be entitled to representation in Congress, and senators and representatives shall be admitted therefrom on their taking the oath prescribed by law, and then and thereafter the preceding sections of this act shall be inoperative in said State.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Massachusetts.—The remainder made a real estate, a wholesale liquor store in Boston, and spent $2,000 worth of liquor.—D. Worcester, Feb. 23d; wife Rev. John Nichols, pastor of the Unitarian church in Hamilton, died of consumption, of course, he was struck with paralysis, and he died the same night.

New York.—In and that of the Bankrupt bill, there is left over $1,000,000 in the Treasury, chiefly in bad Southern debts. The World recommends that this be spent in opening the Military Academy to the best negroes they can make with the hope that the Republican party may find that they will be selected for participation in the next Presidential election.—Mr. Greeley's paper, the Tribune, is to be charged with a deficiency of $1,000,000, at the close of year $500,000, from John Mason, the notorious murderer of his own family, who was arrested with suspicion.

New Jersey.—Mr. Stockton, brother of the "Prince Life of Jefferson Davis," has been rejected by the U. S. Senate as Postmaster at Princeton.

Nebraska.—President Johnson, March 1, issued a proclamation announcing the admission of Nebraska as a State into the Union.

Illinois.—The Legislature has passed a bill virtually abolishing capital punishment.

Maryland.—The Conservatives have adopted resolutions favoring universal manhood suffrage.—Governor Swann's resignation and the appointment of Lieutenant Governor Cox as Governor of Maryland, which went to have taken place Feb. 25th, has been postponed.—Baltimore has contributed $1,000 to the Southern Relief Fund.—The Senate has sent a message to the Legislature, March 1, requesting that at the selection of a United States Senator they should not accept the U. S. Successful, but would retain the Governorship at Maryland.

Virginia.—Wyoming have been issued for the arrest of five magistrates of Norfolk, who violated the Civil Rights bill by refusing to receive colored testimony.

Tennessee.—The Legislature has adopted a memorial before calling on the Federal Government to call a military force to keep order in Tennessee.—Mr. Meigs has rejected a proposition to allow negroes to hold office under the new Franchise law.

Kansas.—Treaties have been made with several Cheyenne and Sioux Indians of the State for the cession of their reserves to the Indian Territory.

Mississippi.—The bill establishing common schools, for negroes and whites alike, has been referred in the Legislature.—A new law imposes a penalty on persons without visible means of support and those who cannot pay it are held as vagrants. This is to force the negroes to work.—Whatever terms white men choose to offer.

Missouri.—Governor Fletcher has already received many applications from young South Carolinians, who wish to finish their education under the Peabody fund. All applications must wait until a plan for the distribution of the fund has been agreed on.

District of Columbia.—Official returns of the election in Washington city show the election of the Democratic ticket. The negro vote was solidly Radical.—Imperial advices from Japan announce that the Emperor's Proclamation to his subjects, has been published in the streets of the capital of Yeddo.

FOREIGN.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Feb. 26, London, noon.—The privilege of the Habeas Corpus Act in Ireland has been suspended for three months longer. The lending bankers report a new subscription in approval of the Government's coercive measures. Earl Russell has censured ministers for pleading the Queen's name in Parliament. The government has withdrawn its resolutions on Reform, and promises to bring in a regular bill. The bill for the confederation of the British Provinces in North America was read a first time in Lords.—*Berlin, noon*.—King William of Prussia will be present at Parliament.—*Paris*.—The conference which have so far taken place for the Italian Parliament have generally resulted in the defeat of Rattazzi.

Feb. 27.—London.—The party in Parliament called the Adullamites, and who drove Russell and Gladstone from power, are now divided into two sections, and who act under the leadership of Robert Lowe and Chichester Fortescue resolved to put their forces with the Liberals.—The Court of Admiralty has decided that the steamer Peterhoff, from St. Dudley, U. S. Consul, lately condemned, is not to recover, has required security for the payment of costs in the event of the case being decided for the defendants.—*Paris*.—One of the rumors proposed by the Emperor's proclamation is the cession to the address from the Throne—is peculiarly suspicious. The Liberal party must oppose the preservation of that privilege.—The French government has officially announced that it will not relinquish the right to search the baggage of all foreigners arriving in France.—In the French Admiralty Court, in the case of the United States against Armand Fila, the owner of the United States against the device of the sporting pennant into the court of a certain sum of money as security for the costs of the suit, was again rejected.

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The only expense to students will be the cost of books and board, at reasonable rates The Board will employ a faculty of teachers, consisting of one additional Professor, and two or three female teachers. Applications may be addressed to Rev John Peck, Vice-President of the Board, Pittsburg, or to Samuel A. Neal, Allegheny City, Pa

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GEORGE WALKER,
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Feb 2—6t

NOTICE.

The A M E Church of Germantown, Pa., will be consecrated on Sunday March 17th, 1867.

The Rev J Hollen will preach at 10½ o'clock A M Rev Bishop A W Wayman at 3 o'clock P M and Rev G E Boyer at 7½ o'clock P M

We extend an invitation to our brother ministers, local and itinerant, and the friends generally

H J Brooks,
Minister in Charge

March 9-2t.

NOTICE.

All the members of Post 27, Grand Army of the Republic, are requested to meet at 915 Barclay street, on Tuesday evening next, March 25th, at 8 o'clock Punctual attendance is required. All officers must be present.

ISAIAH MATHEWS,
Post Aigulant

NOTICE.

Whereas, my wife, Elizabeth Young, has left my bed and board without any just cause, I therefore forbid any person or persons trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting.

MOSES YOUNG.

Woodbury, N J. Feb 20th, 1867

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Information wanted of my three children Two boys and one girl. Their names are Washington, Jane and Lucy Greene. Any information of them will be thankfully received by their mother, Betsy Greene. They formerly belonged to Dr. Patrick, Wilkinson county, Miss.

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In Crawfordsville Ind., October 24th, 1866, by Rev W J Davis Mr. Isaac M Wheeler to Miss Mary Burk Both of Town

In Logansport, Ind. December 6th, 1866, by the same, Mr. John T Roberts, of Noblesville, Ind. to Miss Harriet Turner of Logansport Ind

In Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 21st, 1867, by the same, Mr. Charles Howard Newman of New York, to Miss Ella Saddler, of Morristown, N J

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LANCASTER ACCOMMODATION	"	4:00 "
MAIL TRAIN	"	4:30 "
PITTSBURG AND ERIE MAIL	"	4:50 "
PHILADELPHIA EXPRESS	"	8:00 "

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POETRY.

A BEAUTIFUL EPITAPH.

BY REV. W. HARNED

The sun did rise, the sun was May's month
Bird, wild's trembled, so beautiful a soul
but when she died, so recognized her birth.
And that mirror in earnest control

"Not here! not here" in every mourner's heart
The waking wind around whispering comforter hear
And a hum-ing sound door opened, with a start
By heard it entered from nothing—but fear

Should at them, and pilgrim, who many blither pass,
Nun in them flowers a delicater hue,
Should spring-time to their unfathered grass,
Or the has later longer on the dew.

"Know that her spirit in her body lent
Such sweetness, gentle, so only goodness can.
That even her dust, and this low mean-mound,
Have yet a spell to stay your heedy man.

"Lonely thought in, but loathing for to day
When what is mortal of himself shall sleep,
When fitting passion shall have passed away,
And love no longer be a thing in weep."

HOME CIRCLE.

A GOVERNOR TAKEN FROM A CRATE.

A benevolent old man of Brooklyn was making the tour of the city, in pursuit of treasure and little wanderers, one Sunday morning a year ago, when he found a little boy asleep in a crate in one of the harves.

He shook the crate, and a pair of bright black eyes opened and flashed upon him, with a look of surprise and timid bashfulness.

"Why do you sleep here?" inquired the old man. Because I have no home," said the child.

"Where is your father?"

"I don't know, sir. I hain't seen him for a long time, never since he told mother he wouldn't come home again."

"Where is your mother?"

"She is dead."

"So you have no home—no father, no mother—not live from hand to hand in the street, and sleep in a crate."

"Yes, sir. I sell soap and matches, and sleep here."

Would you like to have a home, and go to school and grow up to be a good and brave and noble man?"

"Yes, sir."

"Come along with me, I will take you to my own home, and feed you and clothe you, and send you to school if you prove to be a good boy, and you shall send that father boy."

As the old man said this, he dashed a tear from his eyes, with his stout sleeve, for the boy was the very image of his own sweet child, who had died years before. Perhaps this had tenderly out of the crate, he led him to his own pleasant home, where he was washed and combed and then dressed in a suit of clothes formerly worn by the son of the philanthropist.

To education the story, which has in it material enough for a volume—the good old man gave all the advantages afforded by the common schools of the "city of churches," and then gave him a clerkship in his store, for he is well-to-do merchant.

After several years of faithful service, the young man expressed a wish to engage in business on his own account, or in some other way to extend his usefulness.

"I will start you in business," said the old man, "on certain conditions."

"Please state them," remarked the young man, with a smile; for he supposed his benefactor was about to perpetrate a joke at his expense.

"I will start you in business, if you will make three promises," continued the old man.

"Pray what promises do you wish me to make?"

"One is that you will never swear."

"Agreed."

"Another is, that you will never drink rum."

"Agreed,"

"The other is, that you will have nothing to do with politics."

"Agreed."

True to his promise as the steel to the star, the old man furnished his clerk with capital and started him in business in one of the western States. The young merchant was very attentive to his business, and his habits of industry and sobriety were rewarded with good fortune which generally accompanies those courage, enterprise, and intelligence. A few years ago, he paid a visit to his venerable friend in Brooklyn, found him the same kind-hearted and genial gentleman that he was when he first led him from the strats on the wharf to the pleasant cottage on the grounge.

"I am delighted to see you," remarked the old man. "May I ask you if you have kept the three pro-mises, which I formerly suggested to me the idea of starting business on your account? are you a temperance man?

"I have not tasted a drop of any kind of intoxicating liquors since I promised you I would not, and you know I had no sacrifice to make in keeping that promise, for I never was accustomed to the use of such liquors; and I do not think them to my guests, nor to persons in my employment."

"Good boy—give me your hand and let me shake it again. How about that promise not to use profane speech?"

"Well, sir, when I was a little wanderer, and sold soap and matches, I contracted my habits of profaneness do that I am afraid I had dropped them in your Sunday school, and I have ever remained them, because I indulge the silly and vulgar habit of swearing. I think I could break it—I certainly A man wishes to say something in the phatic—and owing to a lack of ideas and a proper sense of language, he fills up the chinks of conversation with oaths. He curses his eyes—his limbs—his soul—his body—his back—and thinks he is fluent when he is only profane. No, sir, I do not claim to be a paragon of perfection, but I should be ashamed of my speech, if I spoke it with profanity."

"Good—good! I expected such a report from you about politics?"

"The young man of business had until the moment mentioned perfect self-possession, but when the last question was put to him he was confused.

"Well, sir, I suppose some folks think I am a politician," remarked the young merchant.

"Sorry—very sorry," observed the old man

"I modest I only what happened, sir."

"You promised me you would have nothing to do with politics!"

"I know I did,"

"Well, it is strange that you could not keep that promise as well as you kept the other two?"

"Well sir have patience with me, and I will tell you how it happened.

"Well, go on."

"As you are aware, I was fortunate in trade—honored my paper when it became due—paid, with interest, the money you had the kindness to advance. I was a thriving business man in the town, had opinions in relation to men and measures and did not hesitate, on all proper occasions to express and defend them; and naturally them with my vote on election day."

There can be no objection to that," remarked the old man, "politics as a trade, or when I dislike."

As I said before, I got along well, and as good luck would have it persuaded some of my friends to think and vote as I did, without consulting me one day as a "nice convenient, they nominated me for Governor and I was elected. Indeed, I am sure as my way to Washington to transact important business for this State."

The latter deserves to say to the friends of THE LITTLE CORPORAL that this story is a true one.—*Little Corporal*

NIGHT-FALL.

Slowly, slowly up the wall
Steals the noiseless, sneaks the shade
Deeper, deeper begin to fall
Evening shadows are displayed

Round me, o'er me, everywhere,
In the corner, 'neath the chair,
Let all that the evening air
Wheel the window's fading square.

Shafts of sunshine from the West
Paint the dusty windows red
Darker shadows, deeper rest
Underneath, and overhead

Darker, darker, and more wan
In my room the shadows fall
Upward sneak the hills of man
As the sunshine from the wall

From the wall into the sky,
From the roof along the spire;
Ah, the souls of children die
But are nevermore filled higher

Golden Legend.

POWER OF CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE.

A consistent Christian life carries with it power. It attracts attention and wins regard. By its quiet beauty it reproves the careless, subdues enmity, and opens the hearts of others to love it. Many a doubter has been convinced, and many a caviller silenced by the noble life of a Christian whose intelligence and character commanded universal respect. A striking instance of this kind is recorded in the memoir of Gov. Briggs.

A young gentleman of Williams College, in Lansdown, with ample means, offering prayer, a Christian faith, staggers me. I cannot answer that. He is about to be married. There must be something in it." For many years that young man, it seems, has followed with his wife and children at their father's house, in an intelligent and Christian faith."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

THE STUBBORN BOY.

A rough-looking man brought his son into school, saying, "I have brought my boy here and would like to see if you can do anything with him. I confess he is more than I can manage. Of all the stubborn boys I know of, he is the worst."

The teacher and he thought they would get along very well and gave the boy a seat with a good, quiet scholar. He watched the boy for some time, but discovered nothing unusu in his conduct, though he seemed to study very much, and did not join in the sports at play hour.

One day as the teacher was passing along by the desks, he laid his hand kindly on his shoulder, but the boy shuddered and shrunk from him. "What is the matter?" they asked the teacher. "I thought you were going to strike me—for I have been struck by you?" "Because I am such a bad boy." "Who says you are a bad boy?" "Father says I am a bad boy, and mother says I am a bad boy to be good, and you will be sure to succeed."

The poor boy's eyes filled with tears. He was out used to such kind words, and when his teacher left him, he thought, "Can I be a good boy when every one says I am bad?" But he did not say I was bad: As said I could be a good boy. I will be a good boy."

From that time a marked change was observed in the boy. He took a great deal of interest in his studies, and made rapid progress. His school-mates soon learned to love him. He grew up to be a great and good man, and became governor of one of our largest states.—*Child's Paper*

THE GOOD FATHER.

The father of a family was detained in the metropolis of the kingdom on important business; the children remained, in the meantime, at a small country-seat very distant from him. Once the father sent the children a large chest full of beautiful things, and a letter, in which was written, "Dear children, be pious and good, then shall you soon come to me;" upon the lid in the dwelling which I am preparing for you there are also many beautiful presents preserved."

The children were much delighted, and said, "How good our father is, and how happy he makes us! We love him with all our hearts, although we have never seen him, for nor can we recollect him. We will certainly strive to please him, and to do everything which is written in the letter. How much glad we shall be to see our good father again!"

Their mother said to them, "Dear children, my advice is, that you acts towards you, no, in like manner, does our heavenly father act towards sons. We certainly cannot see Him, yet he sends us beautiful presents, by sun, moon and stars; the flowers, fruit and corn; by which we may perceive His love for us. The Holy Scriptures are a letter from Him, in which He reveals to us His will. He assures us heaven, where more beautiful gifts and much greater joy await us than the world can give.

"And is He preparing a dwelling for us in heaven?"

Yes, my children, through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave our sins upon the cross, and died for us. Him and obeyed His commands, we should be unworthy to be blessed one to whom He says, 'I go to prepare a place for you.'"

REVERENCE IN THE PULPIT.

Children are impatient judges and their judgment, as to the following one, should be heeded. A girl in a neighboring city had often heard of the fame of a popular preacher, and desired her mother to take her to his church. The mother gratified her request, and when the little child was returning home she looked up and said:

"Mother, I shut like the preaching of Mr ——."

And why do you not?"

Because, mother, *he speaks of God just as if He was his cousin.*

SCIENCE AND NATURE.

THE SPIDER'S WEB.

How wonderful is the tenacity of these fairy like lines, yet strong enough to stable flocks of sparrows, and to overwhelm, and catch his prey which ventures within the domain of his fine web. To the web of the gossamer spider, the filament of the fibre there are twenty inches through which is drawn the small globules of gummy matter at emplois in spinning, each of the diameter of about one-hundredth of an inch. It takes 140 of these globules to form a single spider line; it has in only four or five combinations to go through, which gives the number of 560 lines. We have thus got the average total number of lines between two radii of the circle; multiplying that number by 26, the number of radii which the uniting insect spins, gives the total amount of 37,560 lines which compose the net in complete.

The dimensions of the net, of course, vary with the species. Some will be composed of as many as 120,000 lines; yet even to form this net, the spider will only take 25 minutes. Wonderful, indeed, is the process by which the spider draws the thread from its body—more wonderful than any type of mechanism. Each of these spinnerets is covered with rows of bristle-like tubes, so very fine that a space about the size of a pin's head will cover a thousand of them. From each of these points or tubes issues a small but slender thread, which, mixed with the other threads, so that from each spinneret a number of fibres are thrown, forming one compound whole; these are attached about three inches from the ends from the spot of the spinnerets; they also unite and form oval loops, 624 of which are used by the spider in forming his net. With the threads thus formed the web has given him, the claws of his feet, the spider seizes the loops the glutinous thread as this seemingly of personal attachment. It is not so, for his body and interweaves them with such other and his feet as the character of the web may require. If you find it pleasant here, make my house is home."

The young man was often there, and not objectionably at the time of the lifting up of the heavenly gate, when he listened to the reading of the Scriptures, and to the simple, earnest prayer, offered in the name of the family. Some time after, he said to a young friend, "I have found Mr Briggs a very smart and in public, where homes substitute and the love of religion, which influence him; but to see him in the quiet of his own home, shut out from the world, with his wife and children in the room, offering prayer to Christian faith, staggers me. I cannot answer that. He is about to be married. There must be something in it." For many years that young man, it seems, has followed with his wife and children at their father's house, in an intelligent and Christian faith."

WHITE ROSE, TALK TO ME.

We find the following graceful verses in a volume entitled "Leaves from Fairyland—a child's book, illustrated by Tenniel, and published in London by Macmillan:

"Where Rose, talk to me!
I don't know what to do
Why do you wave so wood to me,
Why say so much to you?

"I'm longing you a little rain,
And that you may grow,
If, when you feel it on your face,
You'll not be cross at those

"Here I come so softly,
You cannot hear me a-talking,
If I take you by surprise,
I may sneak you talking.

"Tell all your thoughts to me,
Whisper in my ear,
Talk again as I'm asleep,
Or shall never hear

"I can hop a-round
Since I was five years old;
Tell if you were frightened
When first you felt so cold.

"And in the splendid summer,
While you flush and grow,
Are you sorry to be parted
Thinking of the snow?"

THE MOSS AGATE.

The discovery of the moss agate is one among the most wonderful that has been made in the present century. The history of mineral and vegetable phenomenon is found, only I believe, in one of the valleys in Montana Territory. This remarkable agate is found lodged in a quartz rock, and is seen growing in the interior of the stone—each in a cavity but in the compact mass itself. I am one among those who have had a gift bestowed in Montana, it was about 1 or 2 inches through and about the same—each in had a fine looking vigorously growing green moss which judged from its growth to then Green, "Bryon," in the inside, not on the outer surface; but exactly as it grows on the earth, that anything else exists. I do not know found any where. How does the moss grow in that stone—does it live and grow by nourishment—how can it grow in such a cold, hard substance, and to grow you can see plainly. Verily there are more things in heaven and earth than our philosophy ever dreamed of. There is no mistake about the fact of the moss agate. I can refer you to several persons who are now in possession of the moss agate.

B. WRAY.

P. S. Would not the word "Solidify" from two Greek words meaning "stone" mean. So no appropriate name for the gem?

THE POWER OF A GROWING TREE.—Walter Hull had at one time in his own earth-mill, and when that establishment necessity no longer existed, the mill-stone was laid aside and entirely forgotten. The diameter of this stone was upwards of three feet and a half, while its depth averaged seven inches throughout; the centre hole had a diameter of eleven inches. By mere accident, some young sapling had dropped into the eye of the fibre tree through the hole on to the earth, and in the course of time this sapling was seen rising up heart, although no longer encircled by the stone, gradually grew through the aperture and increased, by power to raise the position you mass of stone was speculated upon by many. But they little knew the power of the tempt! Would it burst the mill-stone, or would it split it? Both were expected, and trees lifted the mill-stone, and in 1838 were to be seen growing through its trunk, and Mr. Waterton used to sit upon it under the branching shade.—*English Paper.*

FABLE.

THE YOUNG BEAVER.

A colony of beavers selected a beautiful spot on a clear stream, called Silver Creek by the settlers, and began to build their dwelling for any orders, and without hesitation, whose place was the best. Where each was Mud Dauber, as in a rude manner, does not interfere with each other's the foundation for a dam. With that skill for which they are remarkable, they built it so that it would protect them from water and from their foes. When it was completed, they were delighted with it, and paddled proud joyously in the pool about it, expressing their pleasure to each other in their hearty style.

In this colony there was one young beaver by the name of Flat Tail. His father, whose name was Mud Dauber, was a celebrated beaver, who, having very superior teeth, could grow through trees with great rapidity. Old Mud-Dauber had distinguished himself, chiefly, however, by saving the dam on three separate occasions in time of flood. He had done this by his courage and prudence, always beginning to work as soon as he saw danger coming, and by keeping up till the damage become too great to repair.

But his son, this young fellow, Flat Tail, was a very fellow. As long as old Mud-Dauber lived, he did pretty well, and was known as his father. But Flat Tail set up for some body great. Whenever any one reproved his pretentious, he always replied:

"Why, Mud Dauber's dam is nothing to that beat blood in the colony."

He very rarely went to gnaw or build, was meant for something better, he said.

One day, in autumn, when the beavers were going out in search of their winter food, Flat Tail said he had good for nothing else they set him to mind the dam. After they had started, Flat Tail's mate, old Mr Web of staff in one of his paws. And though he disliked work, he now began to gnaw the sticks to the middle, where the water looked the most threatening. He'd got at the work, the dam was strongest, and in fact the least in danger. He was in a safe place where the water was already flowing in the other direction, and his neighbor, who sat on a neighboring tree warned him that the dam was in danger of coming through, but always cancelled to answer, and he answered:

"O, that's only a small leak, and near the shore. I'll soon have it stopped with a beaver-dam, say nay? You need'nt advise me! I am the great Mud Dauber and shall fight the stream bravely, right here in the middle."

But Flat-Tail soon found out that the water was a good deal falling. Looking around for the cause, he saw that the whole bank had broken away a large portion of the dam, and that the current was pouring through wildly. Poor Flat Tail now worked, and like a hero, threw himself directly into the water only to be carried away by it, and forced to swim to shore. Of course his efforts were of no avail, and down to the rest of the Silver Creek beaver family came along at the time of the dam, and the one that before had been a credit to him was turned into a disgrace to him, from that day the beavers called him by the name of Dauber's dam, the best blood in the colony."

Don't neglect your business in a small; don't boast of what your father did; and don't be too conceited to receive good advice —*Little Corporal*

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THE KINGDOM COME.

O Thou! whom home above is adoration,
Far over last of grace,
Among Thy earth-born children's consecration,
Receive their coming love!

Lord! thus the oblation that have learned to fear Thee,
And lead them in Thy path;
Bring Thou the penitent to holier mood than Thine,
Safe from Thy dreadful wrath!

O! spare a world will guilt and misery freighted,
And make it holy Thine,
Are there not ten times ten who're prayed and wasted
For Him who comes to reign?

The feeble incense of the Spirit broke us,
Thou wilt not, Lord, disdain;
Come in Thy power, with mercy's sigh and sobers,
In majesty arise!

For the good no cure of the world before Thee
Our Intercessor have;
As we, as humble, suppliant hand, adore Thee,
And plead the grace that saves!

O! send Thy spirit in its surest stirring,
Deep in each sin stained heart;
Till the whole earth shall feel the glad reviving,
Thy life shall carry part!

Till from the Orient to the Evening's portals,
Walk as descendant sons,
One glorious church Man-redeemed Immortals
To Heaven's high Throne shall flow!

Till every soul is Father, Son, and Spirit,
Shall worship's praise,
And then the song for ever new inherit,
To chant through endless days!

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THE UNION OF CHRIST AND THE BELIEVER.

BY REV. H. L. HASTINGS, D. D.

Of the fact and the importance of this union, nothing need be said to those who hold communion with the Church on the basis of experience, their character and their lives give evidence that they are truly united to Christ. But to characterize this union by a few particulars, for the purpose of testing our religious character, and especially to settle the question, which thus far is a matter of doubt, whether we really stand in a union between Christ and ourselves.

I. The nature of this union is expressed, in part, by illustrations derived from nature: his spiritual body is in part, by comparison, one. In John xv 1—6, our blessed Lord represents himself under the figure of the vine and its branches. The branch grows out of the vine, derives from it its life and nourishment, and is joined, to bring forth fruit. Its existence is not separate, and itself apart, as that of the tree or the vine itself, which possesses its own root, and organization in itself; yet it draws its life and sap from the root for support. It derives all growth, or strength, or greenness, from the vine. Thus the union of the believer with Christ is one of dependence, of constant, physical, intellectual, and spiritual issue, and all good fruits, whether of thought, word, or deed, originate from this dependence.

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V. We assume that at this stage of his religious history, he knows comparatively little of himself and but little of the Redeemer. However load may be his expressions of gratitude, and however sincere his affection for Christ, it is only the beginning of eternal life in the soul. He increases in spiritual strength, under the influence of his increased spiritual knowledge, and the degree of grace furnished by the Saviour. He continues into new and unprecedentations. He soon finds that he is a spiritual stranger. He sees himself now and before unseen evils, and in this world around about him. He sees the deceitfulness of his heart, and how he learns more of himself and of others, there is accumulated in him in the character and work of Christ, a remedy for all the evil he discovers, small from great and from without.

VI. From these occasional or recurring wants, and the constant dependence of the Saviour, and the new aspects of wisdom and power and goodness, which he exhibits, from day to day, the tide of affection in the believer flows and flows towards him in an irresistible current. His language now is, "The love of Christ constraineth me." "We love him because he first loved us." "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay! in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." You perceive, then, that the longer the Believer is exposed to trials, the longer he is continued in the mixed state of good and evil, he is in a condition to know more of his need of Christ, and thus of him more.

VI. This union thus commenced and continued on earth, is developed and perfected under better auspices and holier influences in another world, and will be seen as one through a glass darkly," and there, "face to face," the union of dependence, so far as the feeling is involved, will be lost in eternity, in that of undivided and endless affection. Subordination in the general ideas of faith and affection are those of union with God, and of love to him, and of the will of God, as in affection towards mankind, and correspondent duties, as efforts to promote the glory of God and the highest good of mankind and related objects, will be sought for like present.

VII. Finally, this union is to be forever permanent. This is manifest from the subject of Christ's death, and from the design of the soul. Christ's death was not designed to produce partial, but permanent results. The salvation which he has made was the price of his agony and death, is not for a day, or a season, or a time, but, further, it is not a partial, but a complete and eternal salvation. Hence, the relation between the Believer on Christ can never cease. He needs always and forever the wisdom of Christ to direct, his power to sustain, his mercy to forgive, and his goodness to bless and preserve him. Hence, as in the union, when directed to a lovely object, as in time it increases between object and the soul, so more we know of Christ, the more will we love him, and the more will his presence be necessary to our happiness. Moreover, the soul is imperishable. It needs eternal life, and, as such, therefore, it must always lean upon the efficacy of Christ's death, as the great object of its attainment will be desired. The sum of what has been written is this: The union of one of dependence, of affection, of sentiment and action, of motives and effort. Christ gives every thing, and the Believer receives every thing. The union is permanent, and may be described in short as the eternal rain of the Believer. It follows from these positions, that this union does not consist in mere professions, nor in party zeal, nor in honors and apprehenses before the world. We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Many begin well their Christian course, and are full of fiery zeal and ardor. A few years, and sometimes a few months, display their characters in a new and unenviable light. How many young men begin their Christian course with the fairest prospects of final success. They are active, zealous, and devoted, for a time cheering the hearts of parents and the church. After awhile they grow lukewarm, then, *innocent pleasures*, as they are called, are pursued with avidity. Their associates, they begin to reason with the tempter, then yield gradually, and the world, the flesh and the devil overcome them entirely. They cease to be interested in driving things. The Lord's house is neglected, prayer is neglected, and he finds them to stand it as they would, and to be ashamed of their former zeal, and of some. The house of God is uninviting, and they become cold, careless, indifferent, and instead of worshippers. It being the word and prayer have lost their interest, and they are often neglected, and finally shut themselves out. To them the language of the apostle is applicable: "Remember from whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do the first works, having begun in the Spirit, are ye made perfect in the flesh?" Gal. III—3. Are you numbered with the partakers of Christ? Certainly not. In not the union dissolved? They are. Indeed, dependence upon Christ for all things but they do not feel their dependence, and their professions are not in accordance with the spirit. The union of dependence and affection is broken, and they are left to be prepared for a speedy and complete separation. Alas that any will be found among the professed followers of Christ, should forget his grace, and coming out of the world from a sense of its wickedness, should return to it with their ruin." It is wrong, therefore, and dangerous to look for the true test of religion to be found in early experience. It is the *living power* which is constantly exerted, or what we are, that might, with as much reason, determine his present position as his position from the past, as the present religious condition. He who would be a partaker of Christ, must persevere to the end. He must be a branch in Christ, with which he constantly has course, steadfast unto the close of life. Reader, we then united to Christ by a living operative faith, which produces constant evidence of its existence and power by the fruits of right-ness, temperance and holiness? Solemn question. Ponder it well.

ALWAYS OPEN.

"By gates shall not be shut, day or night."

The voice of melody is hushed,
Silent the breeze of gospel,
But songs are nothing to heaven,
The gates are open there.

Darkness hath forked the outer door
Round the motionless stars:
The "outer darkness" are not dark,
The gates are open there.

No sin finds entrance,
The place prepared for sinners,
Is now forever applied to heaven.
The new baptismal name

Each moment of the hour work
Unheeded with Time's hours,
And knock upward never tells
To mortal watch.

The darkest hours of bourgeoisie
With ceaseless passing hour
Awaking ever to the light
The gates are open there.

PARADISE LOST AND REGAINED.

BY REV. J. S. BALLOU.

How fairand beautiful were Eden's blooming bowers, when God's hand had finished them! How sweet and pleasant, both fruit and flower! How gently the rippling waters moved along! How soft the music of the evening zephyr! How exhilerating even the nightly air and mild as when it first came on from heaven! How enchanting the scenery on every side! How delightful and charming the whole of this Paradise! Then there had no thorns. Then there had thistles and nettles in the fruitful herb! Then no vile reptiles nestled to rock revelries and greed beds! Then no sin had made the night mournful and sad. Then no trees cast noisome effluvia, but how pure, how wholesome, delicious, and perfect. Then no streams sadly murmured the incessant tale of departed blood and tears and glory. Then no breath of evening sighed with the sorrows of the desolated. Then no heart throbbed with grief and pain. Then no sorrow, then, then was the love. Then there was no curse. Then Eden was a fit emblem of heaven. Then Eden was all that it changed! Paradise is lost! Sin has written despair upon its skies, has poisoned its blooming flowers, has sound its sweet waters, impressed a thorn on the ground, and has made mad the fruitful and thistles all over the earth, darkened and blighted its beauty, and changed its pleasant "fire-hands, arrows and death' in every part, and converted it into "the valley of misery, lamentation, and woe"—a vale of tears, and the shadow of death! Such have sin and death done.

"A sepulchre in which the living lie,
Where all good qualities and graces die."

A shadowy desert, where the Christian tasts no pleasure, and finds no rest, save in the melancholy notes of the nightingale. A home where the mother is not, and the very name of home is

stormy night—alone far from home I have at most aroused myself of mediocre and folly to sorrow the grave of my family and all the hopes of life for what might prove after all but a dream. I have seen my companions, one after another falling by my side, and learned that I too might not live to see the end. And yet one hope has held me on; and *I have grasped* that I might not lose of death till this work was accomplished. *That purpose is attained*, and now, beyond all acknowledgments to men, in the feeling of gratitude to Almighty God.

Never of Christ may leave a home from the example of the heroic faith. Cyrus Field felt that the principle of the Atlantic Cable was right, but he should have acknowledged that it would be a blessing to the world if and so he toiled on. So he endured the contempt, bore of his name in the mouth of ridicule, and solicited subscriptions from one nothing, even to another. So he submitted the to operation of Statesmen and of governments. So he labored in private fortune. So he visited Newfoundland twenty times and crossed the ocean forty times! We may say that in the land to labor and another and wife and children and brethren and kindred you and his own life also," for the sake of that great enterprise to which he had consecrated his being, with trust in God and for the sake of his many.

Each follower of Christ has before his vocation an object yet more grand—the kingdom of God; a principle true as the Word of Jehovah—Redemption through Christ; a work pugnative enough to require the utmost effort and call forth the highest faith—the salvation of the whole world! Yes the Christian Church is waiting to consecrate the earth with the smile of Christ—here, to bring all nations into the unity of Christian brotherhood, to destroy the idolatries and false languages removed by all mankind, to distribute the messages of salvation to every kindred and people and tribe, to carry love and healing to every house, and to every man, woman and child, to every conscience and to every soul. Sublime purpose! In the Gospel parts a new era and new mode! Yet, the old one must be fished up from the depths and be re-united. The Lord is on our side. He has done "That is the patience and faith of the saints"

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Rev. James Lynch, Editor.

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J. MADISON BELL.

This gentleman gave a reading of original poems at Liberty Hall on Thursday night of last week, to a highly appreciative audience. He was frequently applauded, and created a lasting impression on the minds of his hearers. The citizens propose in a few weeks, to invite Mr. Bell to give another reading. His fame as a poet will soon be as fixed as that of Frederick Douglass as an orator.

VISITING CONFERENCES.

We left Philadelphia on Friday night of last week, for the city of Baltimore, in order to visit the Conferences. We found in session the Washington Conference, (colored,) of the M. E. Church. Bishop Simpson presiding; the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, Bishop Kingley presiding, and the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South, Pierce presiding. A pleasanty glance at them convinced us that no additional information in regard to our senior Conferences. We have not been able to give our paper the usual amount of attention this week.

CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE ATTENDED TO.

A press of matter cause some communications to lie over, but every effort will be made to communicate our friends when it writes. Communications are always wanted and always welcome.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Two highly important communications from Columbus have been received. They will appear shortly.

THE GENERAL BOOK STEWARD.

Rev Elisha Weaver, General Book Steward, is in North Carolina. He is answering finely. He will remain until the adjournment of the South Carolina Conference.

UNION A. M. E. CHURCH.

This brother who disappointed the congregation at Union A. M. E. church on Sunday night, was suddenly railed to visit a sister family, on the Friday previous.

HON W. O'KELLEY.

A letter from our noble and distinguished representative from North Carolina, Hon. W. O'Kelley has just been received. He says that the fact that the colored people will be under universal suffrage, decided to remain in the South. He says that Gen. Sickles intends to build up a Republican Army. This is evidence that they will make good citizens in the community. He says he is in excellent health and is now at the president of Florida.

Hon W. O'Kelley will be in the city on the 18th inst. He is a member of the House of Representatives, preparing a speech which will guarantee our right of Suffrage in the District of Columbia.

BISHOP WAYMAN'S APPOINTMENTS.

Sunday, March 17th—Ordination here at Sanbern Church.

Tuesday night, March 19th, Newark, New Jersey.

Thursday night, March 21st, Perhaps, Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

Friday night, March 22d Hancock's Grove.

NOTICE.

Special services will stay at Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, Lombard St., below 6th, on Monday, March 18th.

Sermon at 10½ o'clock, A. M., by James W. Hamilton.

Lecture at 3 P. M., by Rev W. D. P. Ellis, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. by the Pastor, Rev. J. P. Bonner.

A collection will be raised for the Rev. J. D. Brooks.

SURPRISE PARTY AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

On the 7th instant, the ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington presented the pastor of Zion A. M. E church, Rev. Chas. Wing, the sum of $37, which was thankfully received by the recipient. There was a more general union of feeling expressed on this occasion, than has ever been known heretofore. So far as the guests were concerned, the affair was a decided success.

LOOK OUT.

We intend making a tour to our native State, North Carolina, in behalf of our Book Concern and paper, and will try to visit the following places:

Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., Thursday the 7th, spending Sabbath in both places.

Franklinton, N. C., on Wednesday night, the 13th inst.

From the 14th to the 18th, at Raleigh, North Carolina.

We shall seek to visit Chapel Hill, Goldsborough, Pittsborough, Haywood, and from thence to Fayetteville, where we expect to arrive on Sunday, the 24th inst. From there to Wilmington, North Carolina, to meet the Conference, which meets there on the 31st inst. We intend that our old friends and new friends will be on the lookout.

ELISHA WEAVER.

March 9—3t

Miscellaneous.

For the Christian Recorder.

NEW ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Editor:—After an absence of several months we have returned to the Crescent City, to find much that is encouraging in the great missionary work in this department. We attended a very interesting Quarterly meeting at St. James' Church, on the Sabbath since Rev John Turner, the able and pure-minded pastor preached a sermon, which, for thrilling, soul-searching thought, we have seldom heard equaled. What makes brother Turner a blessing to this place is that his daily practice is of a piece his pulpit doctrine. A series of revivals were held preparatory to the Quarterly occasion, which has continued to increase in religious importance. Our daily services on

settled $20,000 for the relief of the Southern freedmen.

Pennsylvania.—In the Senate on the 7th, the New England bill was passed, as always. Ayes for the conditional release of persons convicted of capital offences, who have been imprisoned for years without assertion of their innocence.—Hon. E. Scheetz reported his nomination of Col. Wm. B. Sipes to be Postmaster at Philadelphia.

New York.—A company of capitalists has just been organized for the purpose of dealing and filling the meadow between Bergen and the Hackensack river in New Jersey, opposite New York city. They intend to reclaim about fifty acres of already purchased, one thousand acres and to cover them with the choicest soil, dwellings, and all the modern out workings. They have a large capital, enough to create a city of business.

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Ohio.—

Kentucky.—Governor Stevenson and Lieut. Governor Boyd, Gen. Charles Buckner, have sailed for this State. Gen. Buckner and Stevenson will be released.

South Carolina.—The Common Council of Charleston has appointed Mr. Pashady for his gallant Southern education.

Virginia.—The municipal election in Alexandria, the negroes attempted to vote, but their votes were rejected by the commissioners, though over fifty of them were recorded by Radical commissioners. Judge Underwood and fourteen others have constituted Congress in regard to the Reconstruction act, and asked action to be master. Hence the bill to restore a Legislature to Virginia. The Legislature of Virginia beside passed the bill calling a State Convention, by a vote of 70 to 30. The Convention will convene at Norfolk Va., attempted to kidnap a colored boy at Alexandria and failed in the attempt.

Florida.—The Senate has appointed a committee to consult with the military commander as to the impediments of the Reconstruction act.

Louisiana.—The Legislature has adopted resolutions of thanks to Mr George Peabody for his gift to promote education in the South. Governor Wells issued a proclamation declaring the Legislature elected at the late election duly elected. Governor Wells has removed fourteen others from office, and appointed Democrats in their stead. A new Radical paper, called "The Republican," is to be issued in New Orleans. Articles of impeachment against Governor Wells have been referred to a committee of the Legislature, and the proceedings superseded if the municipal election was allowed to be held. Attorney General Stockton has issued orders that no polls shall be opened on the 4th, and the election will be postponed until the district commander, under the law is appointed, or special instructions are received concerning the election.

Tennessee.—Gen. Brownlow, has ordered the arrest of the publisher of a military force to serve under him as the commander of the forces in the State.

Georgia.—A correspondent of the *New York Herald* says that the whites agree that the election in Georgia a military commander, who is to appoint registers and judges to rule the State. Money is necessary to carry out these orders before the election. The whites are all Northern capital and the employment of Negroes by the government.

District of Columbia.—The colored citizens of Washington have formed an anti-slavery organization under such association, the purpose of sending petitions to Congress in favour of the right of suffrage for the District of Columbia.

The Indians are more ready here to interfere. The minister to Japan to the Mikado, and the Minister to the southern portions of New Mexico, the militia to assist in case of necessity.

Political.—At the course of Republican Senator in the senate is not to fix a time for the passage of the supplementary Reconstruction bill shall have become a law. The will probably extend the session a week or two.

FOREIGN.

AT THE LATEST GAME.

March 5—*London*.—The Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha has accepted the Colonial Secretaryship.—The government promises that the Fenians who are in jail will be liberal in their clemency.—Plans a Imperial meeting of sovereigns at Salzburg is talked of.

March 6—*London*.—The government has postponed the Reform bill, from the 11th to the 18th of March.—Queen Victoria has left Cannes for Paris, the sad intelligence that Dr Livingstone, the celebrated African traveller, died at Ilala, May 1st.—*Cadiz*.—The Fenians have torn up the rails and destroyed the bridges on the railroad to Seville. There have been no serious outrages committed against either the persons or property of Americans, others appearing to be under military discipline. The Fenians are reported to be in great force, and are making to suppress the rebellion of insurrection. Many arrests have been made, and the prisons there have been dispersed by troops. Many telegraphic wires have been cut in various places.—*London*.—Queen Victoria made by a body of Fenians, Dr Ireland barracks yesterday. The attacking party was conspicuous repulsed by the military and police and the assailants retreated on foot, leaving a number killed and wounded.—*Liverpool*.—A large mobil by a small force of Fenians upon Castle Martyr yesterday was repulsed.—*London*.—The news of the United States against the ex-Confederate steamer Alabama has been decided by the Attorney General in favor of the U. S. Government.—A Service Prince has been appointed Governor General of the Ports.

March 7.—*London*.—The Fenians have made a well concerted rising in various parts of Ireland, and were well prepared to overthrow the Queen. In the North, the police Barracks at Dromore, county Down, have been captured, and a proclamation issued declaring a change of the Union Jack shall be hoisted. In the South, the police Barracks at Kilmallock, county Limerick, Waldron, have been attacked, and a constable shot dead. In the interior are now reported to be concentrating in Dublin, while the rising in Waterford have been put down. The Fenians have been defeated in Kerry and a body of police and soldiers defeated in Limerick, near Limerick, with great slaughter. The Great Liberty Association meeting have been dispersed by insurgents. Thirteen have been taken at Liverpool. Fenian Prisoners were received at Tallaght by the police, eight miles South of Dublin, with a loss of 200 prisoners, and six loads of ammunition. The main body are reported retreated to the south of Dublin, with Lord Southwestern, the commander of the British forces in Ireland at Kilkenny.

March 8.—*London*, noon.—Several newspapers have received and published the proclamation, purporting to come from the government of the Irish Republic. It declares that after years of patient and vain appeals to reason and justice, they have at last resolved to appeal to force. It declares universal suffrage, and establish national arms; public safety; and political freedom; and brings about the complete separation of Church and State. As republicans, they appeal to the sympathy of republicans the world for sympathy and support. Troops are being rapidly despatched to Ireland from all the available points. A body of Fenians, 1500 strong, are reported to have crossed the Shannon, and are marching on Limerick. Fenians have been arrested in Dublin, and defeated with a loss of 200 prisoners. Fenians have been arrested in Dublin, and defeated with a loss of 200 prisoners. Fenians have been arrested in Dublin, and defeated with a loss of 200 prisoners.

March 9.—*London*.—

POETRY.

CHILDHOOD'S HOME.

BY MATIA WINFIELD EDMUNDS.

And this was once my home! My heart feels
Chased the bright sunbeams o'er the sloping lawn.
He breathed the dew from off the fair flowers
For the pale shadows of the night-fall grey.

With this shade I opened when a child,
Here, on this window-sill I, with rustic dear,
We planted roses and honeysuckle vine,
And watched the rising birds with our infant eyes.

And yonder globes the little parlor knows
That flashed once our fleet of infant ships
Into the sea of mother, who, like love of God,
Has shown us where in its current dips

And those old walls, could they but speak, how
loud
A tale they'd tell of friends, mirth and glee!
How shook the mansion upon its ancient
Once again the door old echoes sang!

The little chamber where at eve we knelt,
To thank the prayer of innocence and trust,
Beside the side of mother, who, like love of God,
For years within the mansion of the just.

The hidden mysteries that sleep above
Of childish glee, where in our hours
In childish glee, with merry sing and shout,
Embowered and hid by many a clustering vine

—E. E. Dunn.

HOME CIRCLE.

SELF-DENIAL—A STORY.

It was a bright winter's evening—so balmy as hardly to seem like the week before Christmas. Old Joseph Harper stood leaning against his door, talking to the two gentlemen both too much interested in their conversation to notice the softness of the air or the beauty of the sunset. "Self-denial, indeed, and old Joseph, taking his pipe from his mouth; "I don't believe in such a spirit of religion. It is asserted often enough, but there's where your selfishness belongs, sir," "Your words prove this much, my friend," said the minister, looking at him regretfully, "that you have never practised it. Come, and with a kind good bye to Edward Harper, the old man's grandson, who stood near his grand-father's side, he took the path his friend before was much too bitter and severe, for when he thought over it, he was forced to confess that their giving was always pure. A moment after they both left the door, and drew up to the blazing fire, where the young boy's mother and Mr. Harper's daughter, Alice was silent until Edward said, "Grand-father, did'nt you tell the man that brought the wood to come in the morning and get it?" "Yes." "Well you know "Will you give me the money you promised him if I will cut it?" "Yes, but I thought you said you didn't have time," his grandfather said. "Well, we boys were all going over to the old field before school and have a great box-fire; but as you say the wood can't be all sawing, I will give up the bonfire and commence on it before school.

To leave the bed next morning before sunrise would have been an effort even with the glorious box-fire in view; but to leave it that he might spend the next three hours sawing wood and storing it away, was an effort so great that self-comfort might have proved stronger than the promised half dollar, had not the longing to carry a larger offering than usual on the Sabbath of Christmas week been strong enough to overpower other emotions.

"Finished morning, Edward," said Mr. Harper, as they sat down to breakfast. "Yes, sir," he replied, "the pile full of the wood and storing it away, was an effort so season." "The boys didn't find it around the box-fire, I reckon," Mr. Harper continued. "Or, sir, nor I over my good exercise," Edward said smiling. Mr. Harper looked at his daughter inquiringly for a moment. Wood-cutting he knew was a peculiar aversion of Edward's, and he was a little curious to know what had moved him to supply himself upon it, when he really wished to be elsewhere.

It was Friday, and when school was out the boys' shouts rang through the playground in honor of the next week's holiday and season.

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POETRY.

For the Christian Recorder

IN MEMORIAM.

[Mem: respectfully inscribed to Mrs. Frances Brown, on the death of her aged mother, who departed this life, Sep. 16th. 1866.—By J. MADISON BELL.]

Threescore and ten revolving years,
In fancies restless lie,
Whose joys and griefs and hopes and fears,
Have been to some here to die.

The not to flee from mortal pain
Or Satan's wiles, that I
Cannot life, so strenuously complain
And so repine to die.

But in thy cause, dear Lord, I've stood,
And toiled through days gone bye.
Till all my pow'rs decay'd and
Are spent, hence I would die.

These pulsed limbs, this sinking frame,
Bespeak death's presence nigh;
I would live were't meet his claims,
And let a Pilgrim die.

For O, I long to be away,
I long for rest to fly,
I long to quit this house of clay,
I long, I long to die!

For while this outward form shall live,
Till then, no Christ can rest,
Nor Heaven's glories e'er receive,
My pardon in the sky.

Then come in haste, dear Saviour come,
And I seal earth's latest sigh,
And take me to my glorious home,
Triumphant to the sky.

I have no friends nor treasures here,
From which I seek to fly,
And hail with glad acclaim cheer,
The privilege to die.

For O, my spirit longs to range
With kindred souls on high;
But patience bids me wait my change—
Wait for that hour to die.

Welcome blest hour, come when it will;
I wait,—dear friends good bye, —
With Christ my pride and portion still,
I wait while here to die.

And when my spirit's wholly free,
From every mortal ill,
And crowned with joy eternity,
And saved no more to die.

In hallelujahs to the Lamb,
With angels I will vie,
And bow before the Great I Am,
No more, no more to die.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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LETTER FROM REV. SAMUEL WATTS.

MR. EDITOR:—Having been about ten months in my present charge at Columbus O., I send you this communication.

Our people at Columbus, are loyal and hospital to those who are laboring for their literary, moral, religious and political elevation. And they appreciate the efforts of efforts that are put forth at the National Capitol and elsewhere, for their enfranchisement.

In regard to the church, I can safely say, it has not been altogether barren of good results during my administration. There has been an accession to its numbers, of about thirty, twenty of the number professed to have received a change of heart, during a protracted effort put forth by the church some two or three months ago, which lasted about five weeks. At present we have no particular religious stir in our midst, yet we have peace and good will one toward another. Our services are generally well attended and orderly conducted.

We have a good Sabbath School, though not so large as it should be. Our pastor is the principal manager of the school, is Mr. I. Wearing; he is assisted by the pastor of the church, Mr. Wearing's ability and tact in the public day school, and is a man of considerable literary ability, and takes particular pains in instructing the youth who are sent to him.

We have organized in the church, (composed of its members and others) a Sinking Fund Association, for the purpose of raising money and other means necessary to the building of a church, the present one being quite dilapidated and inconvenient. In connection with the same effort, a number of sisters of the church, and others, have formed a Sewing Circle. Since their organization they have held a public demonstration, in the way of a fair, from which they realized one hundred and six dollars, ($106,00) clear. It was controlled by the following ladies:

Mrs. A. Roberts, Pres. Mrs. M. Reape, Vice Pres. assisted by her accomplished and gentleman-hearted daughter, Mrs. Lee Redman; Mrs. Susan Barnett, Mrs. E. Redman, Mrs. N. Jessups, Mrs. M. A. Watts, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. E. Roberts and other ladies; also, by Messrs. F. Roberts and Stanton.

I will here mention that Mr. A. M. Taylor is President of the Sinking Fund Society, and Mrs. S. M. Baily is Secretary.

Since I have been living in Columbus, there have been a number of public demonstrations, of a literary social and political character.

We had a political speech from Mr. Pool Douglas, some months ago, delivered in Town's Hall to a large and appreciative audience, composed of colored and white. In getting up the occasion, Mr. J. Ward proved himself as being a man of more than ordinary tact and energy.

The Ladies of Mutual Relief Society of which Mrs. James Poindexter is President, held their second anniversary in the Baptist church.

It was certainly an improved demonstration. The exercises of the evening were first, prayer, by Mr. Poindexter; second, the presentation of an album to the President, accompanied by a neat little speech, delivered by Mrs. G. A. Jones, which was handsomely responded to, by the receiver: third, singing by the ladies; fourth, an address by Samuel Watts; fifth, remarks by Rev. James Poindexter, at the close of which, under the direction of the President, Mrs. L. Dickey and other ladies of the Society, succeeded in raising from the audience present, between eighteen and nineteen dollars as a contribution for the benefit of the Society as may be sick and needing aid, who are not members of their Society, after which all present partook of a sumptuous repast of cake, ice cream &c.

Also more recently, the Sabbath School connected with the A. M. E. church, held a demonstration in their church, which consisted of the following exercises: First, singing by the school conducted by Mr. J. Wearing; second, prayer by Mr A Ewing; third, singing by the school; fourth, an appropriate address to Sabbath Schools by Mr. J. Bibuey; fifth, singing by the school; sixth, an address by Mr. I. Tyler on the moral and prosperity condition of our people in this country; seventh, singing by the school; eighth, a lecture by S. Watts on the origin of the human mind, its cultivation &c., after which the exercises of the A. M E. Church have labored among them for the last two or three years, with undeviating success, and they are scores that are ignorant and superstitious.

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FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 11, 1867

MR. EDITOR:—I thought I would speak through our excellent organ for the first time, an item or two, which I saw fit for insertion the Queen city of the East. The Rev Joseph P Shreeve has been in charge of Bethel church, for the present year. The people is morally, like him very much. As a pastor he has performed his duty faithfully, and he has succeeded in getting money and finishing the church. It is quite large, having a twenty under-roath. The church is mostly furnished, and it will be used free hundred persons It has a gallery which extends from one side of the pulpit to the other It has also two furnaces which heat the church well. I think the pastor should be proud of the edifice. The church seat last week two and four books, abothing South, in Rev Armstrong, who is teaching among the freedmen. The Rev. Joseph P Shreeve has commenced a series of meetings in the church which have been continued two months, during which time, the anxious seat has been crowded with sinners, weeping for the Lord to have mercy, and truly the Lord has heard the cries of many, and answered in the conversion of many souls, by the saving Baptists churches and others, as the Lee of the East, he spoke well, showing and explaining the Methodist belief in baptism. I will close by asking you to pray for us.

ROSABT H. TAWASEED.
Church Clerk.

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FROM COLUMBIA, S. C.

MR Editor—Now but those who are in the work can form an idea of the many duties that are incumbent upon the ministry.

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JUDGE KELLEY AND LIBERIAN COLONIZATION.

The following passages from the *Cincinnati Gazette* of March 1st, will be read with interest

MR KELLEY I move to strike out the last words of the amendment

MR. Hamilton, I am against this appropriation, but I hope it will be stricken out. I do not oppose it because I accept the views of my distinguished colleague [Mr. Kelley] as to the results of Liberian colonization, but because the government has exerted more care at this time in labor, to develop and recover the wealth of the States lately in rebellion. It would be a double folly to apply the money gathered by onerous taxation unwisely imposed on industry to aid in the expatriation of laborers from our country. I am also opposed to making any appropriation which would even by the most remote implication commit the government to any scheme of colonization. I would gladly vote for such an item year by year, from the Treasury, for that purpose. No experiment seems certain, this darkened has produced results equal to the benefits conferred on the race in the slaves upon the pestiferous coast of Africa. Had they been left to the ordinary operation, protected from the pestilential coast to the high land where the fever is unknown, and which might be established in the territory. The climate would be found to be growing, then gentlemen, when they talk of want of assiduity, speak of the early traditions of the first settlements, and the sufferings of the coast and the live lands upon the months of rivers near the sea"

SELECTED.

A PASTOR'S EXPERIENCE,—NO. 2

BY REV. A. H. LOCHMAN, D. D.

It is frequently no easy matter, and the conscientious minister of the Gospel finds a great difficulty in dealing with a difficult and inquiring mind, and in directing young converts. This, at least, has been my experience; especially in the early days of my ministry. Those of a sanguine temperament are apt to become easily excited and zealous, while those of a melancholy temperament are apt to be cautious, or lay hold of the gracious promises of the Gospel. In illustration of this, I will refer you to the many signs of aiding young ministers in directing inquiring souls, and also of affording ministerial aid, when pressed with the care of many cares, I will relate some cases in my own ministerial experience.

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Yours for God and humanity,
WM. JOHNSON.

Boston, Mar. 17, 1867

and confidence filled my soul, and I could scarcely wait until I got home, to tell my mother, and could not rest until I told you of it. I longed to see her rather undeservingly to me the last time we met, but I found it was the very thing to receive me, and drive me to the Saviour. O, I thank you, I thank you now for it. Mary, by her consistent walk and Christian deportment, her prayers and counsels, proved a friend to God for many years, proved that she had, indeed, given her heart to Jesus.

For the Christian Recorder

THE UNITY OF CHRIST AND THE BELIEVER. ITS ORIGIN. —

BY REV. H. J. BAUGHER, D. D.

From the nature of the union, we can conclude, without fear of mistake, that Christ is the author. Whatever good thing there is in man is assuredly not the product of his own unaided powers. He is by nature "dead in sin," and all tendency to progress is opposed to the making any approximation to it. It would even be the most remote implication in man to suppose that he could be the author of his own salvation. It would gladly vote for such a proposition, were it possible, but it is not. Whatever good thing there is in man is assuredly not the product of his own unaided powers. He is by nature "dead in sin," and all tendency to progress is opposed to the making any approximation to it. It would even be the most remote implication in man to suppose that he could be the author of his own salvation. It would gladly vote for such a proposition, were it possible, but it is not. Whatever good thing there is in man is assuredly not the product of his own unaided powers. He is by nature "dead in sin," and all tendency to progress is opposed to the making any approximation to it. It would even be the most remote implication in man to suppose that he could be the author of his own salvation. It would gladly vote for such a proposition, were it possible, but it is not.

From this dissension we learn:

1. That Christianity is a living reality and not a dead letter. It is not a membership, or an ordinance, or a creed, but it is a spirit; its appropriate fruits, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance, fasts, and if these fruits do not appear, there is no evidence of its existence. The professing world is quite prolific text and to benefit man, and this particular exercise partakes of the same character in itself

2. We learn further, that Christianity goes with the believer through life, and is with him unto death. It is not a garment that can be laid aside for a time for the purpose of re-habilitation, and then re-assumed, and then to resume it again. It cannot be left behind when we go abroad, neither can it be resumed on our return. It is a part of our being, and as much a part of us as the animating, all restraining, and all impelling, and all controlling power in the body. With the believer it is not one thing abroad, by land or by sea, in action or in rest, but it is with Him in prosperity, it is with Him in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in retirement, and in the midst of the world, illustrate our sensibles, as well as to illuminate our intellects. It regulates our passions, our thoughts and feelings, words and actions. In a word, it is the life of the believer. It is engaged in "I live, yet not I, Christ liveth in me," and when He dies, it puts this last enemy under His feet. Then, in the midst of our earthly losses of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, &c. 2. We learn, finally, that perseverance is the only pathway to the city of God. The world of God makes this certain. All the warnings and exhortations, its threatenings and its promises, point directly to this conclusion "Hold fast your profession without wavering." "Fight the good fight of faith." "Be faithful unto death." "He that endureth to the end, he shall be saved." "Be thou faithful to the power and looks back, is not fit for the kingdom." No matter how great the trial may be for the moment, no matter what sums we may expend to secure her, no matter what sacrifices and solicitations we may make to retain her, if we do not hold fast our confidence to the end, we shall not be saved. The same is true of the Christ only can save, and we can be saved only by his unity through a perpetual one with Him.

ECCLESIASTICAL INVASION.

BY REV. J. M. PEEY

There are in every age men, who, standing upon a higher intellectual elevation than their fellows, see the path of duty and of the future pass before them. From the eminence they occupy they are enabled to warn each other, and the influence they exert upon society, is proportionate to the degree of ascendancy which they may be calculated from the superior position they occupy. No one can be perfect in intellectual culture or scholastic knowledge, for when the mind is filled with one class of facts, it is only a question of time its freshness and vigor, because the mind cannot be stored with a variety of knowledge, without the branches of literature, science and art being more or less neglected. The comparative length of time does not remain for deep thought, reflection and profound research. The secret of Mr. Lincoln's almost instinctive perception of the relation of men and things, was the result of his close observation of the history of mankind, and the study of the principles which underlie all governments. Hence he was familiar with the classics, that his mind had wandered over the mystic regions of fable and song, and that he could draw from the fountain of history with profit, and had profoundly meditated upon the great throbbing pulse of the nation's progress, which, accordingly as they were felt, he was enabled to prophesy, and decide a nation's destiny, and thus from the past he learned what it was proper to do in the present; so that he was one of the wisest though not one of the most polished statesmen that ever occupied the executive chair.

Yet he was misunderstood, maligned and persecuted, and finally received a most disgraceful Innovator. His opponents exhausted the contemptible expedient of redecorating and belittling his abilities.

The Pharisees could neither comprehend the source of Christ's popularity nor appreciate the beneficence of the mission He came to fulfill. Hence they, like the Jews of the former everything connected with His mission was involved in ignorance. Some men's minds were bedeviled with prejudice and superstition; to the latter His mission was a mystery, involved in ignorance. Some came to their wants; but to both Jesus appeared as an ecclesiastical innovator.

When, therefore, these haughty ecclesiastical tyrants were required to lay down their open door to the hearts of our brethren, and they welcome as so sent from the Lord, Beginning at Charleston, our cause is known and influence felt in nearly every part of the State, and comforting religious freedom and responsibilities upon the people who join us; the natural consequences of activity, refreshing, revivals, and rising unanimous over every where seen. Did men seize their opportunities, how much more would be done.

Leaders from the plantations come forth and are

clothed with authority and filled with fervor, and go back among their fellows armed with that new power, which sympathy, and encouragement, and ideas of responsibility give to spread devastation and terror among the ranks of sin, and to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Ah! The Lord is truly building up Zion again in these lands, and will have a people to do him honor. Oh, may our church look to it more earnestly, and win a great share to the glory that shall descend upon instrumentalities.

YOURS, T. G. STEWARD.

Charleston, S. C., March 14th, 1867.

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REV. GILBERT HAVEN.

We rejoice to learn, that Rev Gilbert Haven has been unanimously elected to the editorial chair of *Zion's Herald*, published at Boston. He is an ideal man in Christianity, patriotism and scholarship; by nature a Reformer, he stands untrammeled amid the fiercest opposition of error. He will fill the position resigned by Dr. Cobleigh, who was held in high esteem by his brethren.

BALL AND BAR-ROOM INFLUENCE vs. THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

We are strengthened and encouraged by the many words of praise from influential men which have been received, approving of the course of the *Christian Recorder* in its censures of those who promote the interests of Bar, Ball, and Billiard-rooms. We stand now, and shall continue, fully committed against these institutions, while they exist, untime to blast the brightest human hopes, to sink humanity into the depths of degradation, and cause our young people to nod wrecks along the shores of time.

If there are those who are ministers that can afford to act as their religious champions for the reward of the bar-room sheer and the ball-room smile, we can only regret with sadness the misuse of ministerial influence.

REV. N. L. BRAKEMAN.

We have received a remarkable epistle from this good brother, and are free to confess, that, notwithstanding the great ability of the writer, we have to lose to understand what he is driving at. As he warns us that it is "private," we do not feel free to allude to its contents; but Rev. Brakeman, wrote so explanatory letter?—private if he prefers). We are always glad to hear from Louisiana, the scene of "doomed elsewhere."

COLORED LAWYER FROM PENNSYLVANIA

A Montrose paper says:—

APPOINTMENTS.—J. J. Wright, colored attorney-at-law, a native of this county, now of Beaufort, South Carolina, has lately been appointed by the President's Bureau agent for St. Helena, Ladies', and other islands, "for the purpose of assisting the freed people in their affairs and suits, and to aid in the arrangement of difficulties of long trifling a nature to be brought before a Court, and for exercising a supervision over their interests."

[Mr. Wright will be of great service to the people, on account of his strict integrity and ability.] EDITOR.

BY WAYMAN lectured in Bethel, Balt., on Thursday evening the 14th. The audience was respectable in numbers, and the strictest attention was given to the Bishop as he told of his Southern travel. Half the proceeds, we understand, were given to Rev. Mr. Tanner, to assist him in publishing his "Apology for African Methodism."

Alas! for colored authors, their work is double—work to produce the book—work to get it published. But we say to them in the words of the sonnet—

"There's a good time coming, boys,
Wait a little longer."

THE COLORED KENTUCKIAN.—This is the name A new weekly paper started at Louisville, Kentucky, edited by J. P. Thompson, a man of great ability and practical force. The columns of the first issue promise much for the future. Mr. Thompkins may truly feel proud of this enterprise. We hope they will rally to its support.

The colored people of Kentucky need a paper conducted by colored men. Whenever a colored man fills a position wherein he demonstrates the ability of his race, he does ten times more than a white man could do under like circumstances for their elevation.

SOUTH CAROLINA A. M. E. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

This Conference, which embraces the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and a part of Florida, meets at Wilmington, N. C., on the 20th of this month. We have no doubt that the good people of Wilmington have made every arrangement to accommodate the ministers who will be in attendance. At the last session of this Conference, twenty-three thousand Church members were reported, and during this year its number has greatly increased. It is proposed to set off the Georgia Conference, which, we are informed, will be organized by Bishop Payne shortly after the adjournment of the South Carolina Conference. These Conferences will be held at a time when the colored man is helping to finance the governments of the Southern States. They will represent, too, a very great number of the Southern people, and we sincerely trust that the effect on the present condition of our people will be all that is expected.

Let this Conference take decisive action in reference to securing the Church property which belongs to the race, and cease to ly devote to the use of the colored Methodists who have since joined us. The Methodist Episcopal Church South would not strive to take advantage of any legal technicality which might deprive the colored congregations of such property. It is highly important that the transfers be made at once.

Let each member secure for himself, by subscription, the *Christian Recorder*, the organ of his denomination, and the forerunner and ministering servant of his career. Let him introduce it among his people and thus spread light and truth in every corner of the South. Do not rest until the *Recorder*, the organ of your Church, is read in every parlor counting-room, store, kitchen and hut in the States within the bounds of the South Carolina and Georgia Conferences. The Louisiana Conference has done nobly for the *Christian Recorder*. Only yesterday Rev. C. H. Pearce sent in his cash subscription and Baton Rouge. Rev. John Turner, of New Orleans is almost continually sending on cash subscriptions as are other brethren. Several brethren in the South Carolina Conference seem to be fully alive to the necessity of an extensive circulation of the *Recorder* in the South; but should not every one be alive to it?

We hope that we shall get from the Secretary of these Conferences two or three copies of the printed minutes.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH OF LIBERTY.

A short time since we chronicled the fact that the State of Penna. had, by a fair, free vote of all the Republicans present, with a single exception, passed the bill to prevent the disfranchisement of persons from railroad, public conveyance, or any seats therein, on account of their color. This week we have the great satisfaction of chronicling the message by the House, and we trust that next week we shall be able to say that Governor Geary has affixed his signature, and made it the Supreme law of the Commonwealth.

We have suffered in consequence of the inhuman regulations of the railroad companies that grid-iron our city, to an extent that would have made white Americans rebel, but the sooner of the White race. Here we have been patient, and yet active, in presenting our complaints before the sovereign power of the State and the law-makers of both of our great State. We had little to expect, however, from the Legislature that elected Simon Cameron and John Cessna and placed as their representatives in the Senate of the United States, and we got no redress But we saw "light" when the Democratic Legislature requested Mr. Cowan to resign, and felt that it had reached the point of preventing our exclusion from the cars, when Mr. Cameron, committed fully by word and deed, to the doctrine of Universal Suffrage, could be induced to vote for the Civil Rights Bill.

Indeed, the Legislature that would elect Simon Cameron to the Senate, and, at the same time ignore our remonstrances against the disgraceful surgeries of the railroad companies of this city, would so stultify itself before the eyes of the world, that it would lose the respect of every honest or intelligent man.

The passage of this one bill is a triumph *of right*. Whatever force corrupt influences may have in engineering bills through a State Legislature, no one is so simple as to suppose that our people had the resources to bring them to bear, and if any such influences had force to secure the passage of this bill it was with its opposers, for the history of legislation records no triumph of right that is secured by corrupt influences.

With nothing to aid them but that of the justice of their cause, the colored people of this city have memorialized the Legislature,

and an intendancy—enable the people in the States affected to decide whether they wished a convention for or, a war against Congress. 27 cases.

March 14—The bill exempting merchandise from the stamp tax, a morning session, and the bill to regulate the sale of United States bonds.

Reconstruction bill was taken up, and the question raised, pending that the veto of elections should be by ballot, was rejected, as new amendments to make the test oath a constitutional one, was adopted upon the legal appearance of the provisional government in 1865 or 1866.

March 16—A resolution awarding the Hotchkiss Breech Loading Rifle to the Ordnance Board of the Printing Bureau of the Treasury was adopted. The House joint resolution relating to the Freedmen's bank con was called up and passed. The supplementary Reconstruction bill was taken up, and amendments making the elections by ballot, and in a majority of registered voters, were voted down on the question of a conviction, were adopted. The bill as amended was passed 35 to 7. The bill was then taken up and passed.

March 18—A motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee the bill to amend the Judiciary Act, and the Senate also adjourned, was postponed—It was removed that Mr. Thomas, Assistant Treasurer of the Senate, and a clerk in the shipping department of the Treasury to Mr. Hooper, Assistant Treasurer at Boston, be and he is hereby authorized to collect moneys at Charleston.—The Supplementary Reconstruction bill was taken up. All the amendments were voted down, excepting those inserted by the House, the word "electors," which was rejected, and the provision taken up to-day.

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March 20—A resolution for the immediate appointment of Commissioners, to settle the claims of loyal citizens in a manner, was postponed until the first Monday in December next—The bill (H. R. 1775) to amend the Judiciary Act—Resolution that the Speaker appoint a Committee of Public Expenditures to examine and report upon the report on the New York Custom House, and to investigate the charges made by, and presented in the resignation of the assistant Treasurer of the Custom House, and looking to the safe keeping thereof were taken up and considered, and the report on the New York Custom House, and to investigate the charges made by, and presented in the resignation of the assistant Treasurer of the Custom House, and looking to the safe keeping thereof were taken up and considered, against him, were adopted.

March 21—The supplementary Reconstruction bill, as passed by the Senate, was passed, with amendments—Motion to take the preceded oath before swearing the word "registered" before the word "voters," and inflicting punishment for false swearing. A joint resolution suspending payment of contingents for defraying the expenses of the House—passed—A joint resolution making the duty on imported sumach 20 per cent ad valorem, instead of and other material than silk, 30 per cent—A resolution authorizing the payment of the Secretary of the Treasury of the proceeds of captured property sold by order of the War Department, and turned over by authority of law—A bill exempting from internal tax certain articles made from wood and wrapping paper made from corn stalks, was passed.

STATE AND TERRITORIAL.

Massachusetts—Gov. Bullock has appointed George L. Bullin, a Justice of the Peace in Boston, and also an Associate Justice of the Police Court—Harvard College, during examinations, has conferred degrees upon 130 students. The whole number of Tax Takings, (Town) are 75,548 in number, upon about 1,000 acres of land, and 1,000 acres of wood, four hundred and eighteen persons in the State pay taxes upon an income exceeding five thousand dollars—Shipping list.

Connecticut—Gov. Buckingham has appointed Hon. Thomas Day, Secretary of State, to succeed Hon. Samuel Fowler, resigned—Hon. Gideon Welles has been re-elected Mayor of Hartford by a majority of 1,129 over Hon. Charles Chapman—

POETRY

"IS IT WELL WITH THE CHILD?"

Yes it is well! though not the tears trembling
And sobs of anguish rend the breast
We know it was the Saviour gently calling,
Come to my bosom, little one and rest.
So it is well!

Well lead our little child, and look to eternal spirit
Up to our own all-glorious home
In deed with angelic and their bliss inherit,—
For Jesus said, "I will receive them."
And it is well!

His love a stronger than our cold affection,
However well we think we love,
And better than anxious care his protection,
Better than anxious love his home above.
Then it is well!

In that safe fold, no pain or want intruding
Sorrow their childhood's still shall know,
Forever bless, our precious lamb is resting
Sweetly in the Good Shepherd's loving arms.
Yes, it is well!

Their little feet could never here in ease weary,
And feel misery in paths of sin—
Shadowed too oft by clouds and dampness dreary,
Might fail, at last, the victor's crown to win.
Ah! it is well!

Now, safely saved from life's stern care and sigh,
From Time's assails and Death's dark dart,
Our darling lives, to grow in angel beauty,
And taste fresh bliss with every added year.
Yes, sir, 'tis well!

Father! be pitiful—grant resignation!
In this our love we bless our sting,
Forgive our human grief, bring consolation,
And give us strength and manner who of thee,
Lord, it is well!

Let us not murmur, tho' our heart-strings quiver,
With pangs of bitter pain,
But meekly wait till, soon "beyond the river,"
We fondly clasp our angel-child again.
And know 'tis well!

HOME CIRCLE.

UNCLE JOHN'S STORY.

"Uncle John is coming!" shouted the children, and instantly four pair of little feet went scampering down the gravel walk, each striving to be the first to receive the cordial embrace and affectionate kiss from mamma's brother, dear Uncle John.

Uncle John was always a welcome guest at Elm Cottage. There was a pleasant room overlooking the garden, which had been for a long time reserved for his special use, and which had been on this very day thoroughly swept out and garnished in anticipation of his arrival. The vase on the mantel was new, holding a child by each hand, with two more clinging to the skirts of his coat, he looked the picture of good-nature and content.

Uncle John had the most unwavering faith in and reverence for children, and they, with their morning instinct, knew it. The afternoon had been oppressively warm, and the children had been allowed, as an especial favor, to sit up hour beyond their usual time. They were heartily enjoying a romp on the lawn when mother's voice was heard, in gentle but decided tones, summoning them to the nursery. Reluctantly they brought their games to a close, and with sober step soon entered the house.

"Mamma," said Jack, "please give us half an hour longer! I, for one, am not a bit sleepy, and our game is not half finished."

"No, my dear," replied his mother; "I have already indulged you as far as I intended.—Now, but Uncle John good night, and Addie, come and kiss mamma, and then go up to nurse, who is waiting for you. Obedient children, do not forget to thank your Heavenly Father for having given you such a happy day."

The children's faces, which had been slightly overcast, reminded their fond mother-fulness as they severally bade as good night, excepting Jack, who walked sullenly up stairs without waiting civilities upon any one. Mamma sighed audibly, but said nothing further.

On the following day, as we had had the promise of a ramble and a pic-nic in the woods, you may be sure we were up betimes betimes. Jack's brow was unclouded as he gave mamma his usual morning kiss. The ceremony of breakfast having been gone through—for, of course, none of us children had any appetite to speak of—in manner conference I am about to relate, the recollection of it still rankles in my heart, awakening even as it does the most painful emotions of grief and shame. I was a headstrong and wilful boy, and although I loved my mother dearly, I often wounded her kind and loving heart, and as I have reason to believe caused her many hours of pain and bitter sorrow.

"When I was about the age of Jack my mother's younger sister came from her home in the West Indies to spend the summer with us, and to whom, my mother, whose family had been for a long time delicate, of none of her household cares. She had brought as a present to myself and my youngest sister, who bore her name, a set of battle-doors and shuttlecock.

"One lovely evening we were out upon the lawn playing in high glee. We had protracted until we became quite expert in the game, and had cast the shuttle-backward and forward for the hundredth time without allowing it to touch the ground, when, in the midst of our eagerness and excitement, Susan, the nursery-maid, came with a message from mother, to the effect that it was past our usual bed-time, and, as the day was fair ing, we must come in immediately. Long good and obedient child that she was, would—at a word three down her battle-door and run into the house.

"But I stood rooted on the spot, declaring flatly that I would not go; that I was not a baby to be sent to bed at dark, and Susan might tell mother so. I lingered out of doors until the twilight was rapidly merging into night, when I stalked sullenly in my own into the room, so carefully fitted up by his mother's watchful care, whose tender, loving spirit I had so deeply grieved. I sat tossing on my pravertees bed long after midnight. I had not invoked the care of my Heavenly Father, or implored his forgiveness for my sin and follies of the day. How could my sleep be guarded by angels?

"I awoke from my feverish restless slumbers at the first dawn of day, and with the morning light came bitter repentant thoughts, and a resolution to seek forgiveness, first in Him who is ever ready to receive the penitent children, and then of my dearest mother, to whom my next obedience and love were due. I hastily dressed myself, and on knocking at my mother's door, it was softly opened by my aunt, who told me sorrowfully that mother was very ill, that the physicians had given orders that she must be kept very quiet, and free from everything that could agitate her. I rushed back to my own little room, and threw myself on the bed with a perfect agony of grief and remorse.

"Five weary days dragged themselves along, and all the while my mother lay dangerously ill, until the fifth night, one second evening, as the sun was going down in a perfect sea of glory, angel forms bore her pure spirit up the shining ladder to that immortal land where there is no more pain.

"Those loving lips were forever sealed, never to speak the words of forgiveness, which my penitent agonizing heart so longed to hear;—those words can be spoken in grace and remorse. It seemed beyond endurance. It was only at the foot of the cross, and at the bosom of a merciful and compassionate Saviour, that my sad heart found at last peace and comfort.

"My dear children, God has placed over you parents, who have a right to your instant and unqualified obedience. Disobey cheerfully and without a murmur, although you may not always see the wisdom of the command. Let it be your constant aim to seek the happiness of those who have all your love being murdered and toiled for you. Then you will never know the feelings of remorse and overwhelming sorrow which, sooner or later, must plant with thorns the pillow of the thankless and disobedient child.

There was a pause. Each one in our little group when Uncle John finished his touching recital, and we wended our way home ward, sadder but wiser Children.—*The Quiver.*

THE FIRST FIRM STEP.

It is the first bold act of determination that commits the soul to ways of better life. It is the first firm step that secures progress, and produces the presentation which has hardly observed. This example of the Saviour Wilson, is more instances than we expect from which it derives its chief value to consideration.

The following is quoted from the New England Temperance Convention in Boston:

In 1845 I went to Washington to carry petitions, signed by 6,000 women, against the commonwealth, against the admission of Texas as a slaveholding state. John Quincy Adams, in whose district I resided, made a dinner party for me. Eminent men sat around that table. One of that number was a distinguished Senator of the United representatives, two have been foreign ministers and two have been governors, all of high information and reverence. During the entertainment Mr. Adams asked me to drink a glass of wine with him. I was embarrassed more than the question. It was the first trial of my life. But somehow I succeeded better than others. I never had a taste for it. That answer settled the matter for me. I have never found it hard since to utter those words, but to fill my glass with cold water. I have often sat since at the tables of governors, senators, foreign ministers, consuls, officers, generals, admirals and presidents. But I have ever found it easy to decline the proffered wine-cup. The real difficulty is next to others; it is in ourselves. Temptations are ever around and about us. The only thing for the temperance man to do is to stand inflexibly by, how to his principles. He who is ready to live by his temperance principles will win the respect even of men who indulge in excessive use of intoxicating drinks."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

WHAT MAKES THAT BOY SO SOUR?

We have seen the following question and answer in more than one of our exchanges:

"I ladies, what makes you so sour?" said a boiling mother to her little boy, as she pressed him to her bosom.

I dess when Dod make me out of dust he put a little sugar in, said the baby.

Then, in commutingion it, says.

This was a queer comment for a little boy. There was no sugar put into the dust of the body, but I suspect that some sugar—the sugar of love—had been put into his heart. And that was what made him so sweet and precious to his mother."

When we find a cross, crabbed, sour little boy, we should like him a great deal better if he had more sugar in?

Well, I don't know what he would say; but I don't think it is so. When God made man, he made him good; but man has since converted into vinegar by sins. The little boy is right, then. He turned the "dust" into "vinegar."

Here is another comment:

God has put a little sugar into the disposition of all children. Some of them keep it there, and their tempers are sweet, and we cannot help loving them. Some lose the sugar that God gave them, and then they become sour and disagreeable. Keep your hearts always sweet, dear boys and girls, by the sugar of love, and you will always be loved."

Mother," said a dear little girl, "I always mean to do right, but sometimes I do not. I find myself naughty."

"Mamma to do right is not enough my love," said the mother; "you must do right, and then naughty will go away from you."

"DO THY LITTLE."

A certain king would build a cathedral, and that the credit of it might be all his own, he forbade any from contributing to its erection but himself. He had employed the noblest in the sole of the building, and on it his name was carved, as the builder. But that night he saw in a dream an angel, who came down and erased his name, and the name of a poor widow appeared in its stead. This was three times repeated, when the enraged king summoned the woman before him, and demanded, "What have you been doing? and why have you broken my commandment?" The trembling woman replied, "I loved the Lord, and longed to do something for his name and for the building up of his church."

I was forbidden to touch it in any way, so to my poverty I brought a whisp of hay for the horses that drew the stones." And the king saw that, for had labored for his own glory but the widow for the glory of God, and he commanded that her name should be inscribed upon the tablet.—*Ralph Wells.*

THE SONG OF THE BOWER

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Descriptive, the author's touch is done
The seed is in its winter cell,
Nor has the lily learned to bloom.

To tell it from the soil,
And hoard it in the earth's dark cave
Till the still earth and it knowledge are
So when the mother bear of heaven
Lays the hushed babe apart to rest,
And shades its eyes and seals its ear
And weaves its curling smile will be
The deepest snow may smile the sow
Till spring departs and plants are free
And winds that, from the shoaly bed
Of ocean, bear the lily's seed,
Bid us to stem the nation mould,
Yet safe shall be the silver seed
Till, one of these soft influences that
Shall wake again the genial year,
To wake with warmth and to mate with dew
The germs we lay in slumber here.

SCIENCE AND NATURE.

OLD OCEAN.

The shades of color observable in the ocean differ as widely as its different depths, as the light reflected by the sky and earth and their existence. As a rule, a greenish tinge is the undeviating hue of shallow waters, which is the most universal of characteristic of the ocean, is lighter or more opaque in proportion to the depth of the sea, the color becoming darker the depth or more profound. The green color always prevails over the meridian of London, and is liable to frequent changes in position and intensity, has been attributed by Dr Scoresby to the existence of sea-weed, to changes, and nothing to others the comparative shallowness in that sea; with the quantity of earthy matter brought into them by the numerous rivers, is sufficient to account for the green hue that flows from the Elbe, and, however, in clear, calm weather, "the deep sea water is of a dark indigo-blue color, which is due to the fact that the waters absorb all the prismatic rays except the blue, and the blue alone. The general color is greatly altered by reflection of the sky, and at almost every tint may occasionally be seen under the brilliant sunlight, which, at times, gives the waters the appearance of emerald green.

The Red Sea, and the Vermillion Sea off the coast of California, is admitted, over their colors to myriads of animalcules, and the Arctic green and Antarctic brown are attributed in the same cause. The peculiar tinge of the Chinese Yellow Sea, is also, probably, due to this influence. The beautiful phosphorescence of the sea, which is frequently observed, is attributed to the same organic. The Black Sea often presents the aspect from which it derives its name, which is considered to be due to the quantity of earthy matter brought down by the great rivers that flow into it, together with the atmospheric influence of the frequent storms which occur in those latitudes.

Why the sea is salt is a question which has often affected as a theme for philosophers and formerly it was conjectured that this peculiar quality arose from the presence of ammonia salt lassies at the bottom of the ocean, by experiments and extensive investigation, are nowhere justified this theory, and there we have no doubt that its saltness is due to the original qualities received from the hands of the Great Creator. The amount of common salt held in suspension by the ocean is estimated at three million cubic miles, or five times more than the present of the entire opinions. Some waters are far more salt than others. The Dead Sea, which is above the Atlantic in this respect. In the Baltic there is found only 1 part of salt to salt, while in the Mediterranean the percentage is 4.5. The saltness of the sea is a prevalence of influence in preventing its contents from putrefaction.

We cannot here dwell on the innumerable curiosities of the ocean, which every where teems with life of various kinds, and we touch upon its active influence in changing the surface of the land, and in the continuing or sweeping over a coast, and there receding and leaving dry land where once it found its place. We will now prefer in this direction its limits are circumscribed. One neighborhood, for example, is Holderness, and which none, but no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed." He hath evidently passed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end."—*Quiver.*

AN EXTRAORDINARY TREE.

Dr Stanley G Haynes in a short pamphlet entitled *A Rambler in the New Zealand Bush*, tells the following remarkable tree story. The pass from which we have a specimen is a remarkable mode of commencing its existence. The young plant begins its life as the head of a caterpillar, which burrows itself before it dies—or is killed by the strange parasite, and so enables the young plant to obtain a legitimate and radical nourishment from the soil for the future season keep specimens of the *Insect Nature*. In three of them the stem grows from the caterpillar's head. In the other it grew straight forward between the body, we should like him as much as we do now, and the head. The caterpillars are three inches long and half an inch in diameter, and are quite dry and brown, without any appearance having been decomposed. In the contrary, the head and feet and the eyes and mouth are well preserved.

A BRAVE SAILOR.

Many a Christian must covet the fearless-ness and devotion of Felice Orsini, as recounted of whom in some of the writings of Dr. Robert Newton is so well adapted to stir energy that loyal gaze [illegible] and thus [illegible] deed, if they would sincerely try the experiment, they always sweet, day by day, to the sailor's courtesy.

Master and shipowner of New York was standing at the entrance of his warehouse on the right hand of a gentleman of business. A pious sailor belonging to one of his vessels came to the warehouse to enter it, but observing that his door was open, he modestly stepped aside, not willing to interrupt the conversation.

While waiting there he heard the name of Jesus frequently used on account of his profession, with the lowest movement and he but a few days before addressed the same hand in this language.

"Sir, will you excuse me if I speak a word to you?"

The gentleman, recognizing him as one of the crew of his vessel recently arrived and supposing he might have something to say about the business of the ship told him to speak on.

"You won't be offended then, sir, with a poor ignorant sailor if he tells you his text?"

"Certainly not—repeat thy message."

With tears and [illegible] the honest hearted sailor, with much [illegible] was soon be-fore him and to [illegible] the name of my blessed Jesus in vain." He is a good Saviour. He took my sentence of [illegible] put and [illegible] sure, that [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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with the imprisonment for life in Canada of the Rev. John McMahon, a priest of Indiana, and report what means should be taken for his release; also to advise with the various clergy of American citizens against the British government have not been paid. Mr. Colfax, the nominated election was called up and the House declared entitled to a seat as delegate. The resolution authorizing the contract now of sending bonds to be paid to soldiers entitled to such aid, if they are not already claimed.

March 21.—The Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures, and the committee of conference on the money which is paid to officers for or over Secession, and he offered a resolution, that no such payment be made. Offering a joint resolution, which was passed by the Senate for information. The Southern Relief Bill was considered, and amendments were made in dispensing the rules through the President's Secretary and limiting the expenditure to the amount already made for the Bureau.

March 22.—Southern Relief bill, as amended yesterday, was passed—yeas 97, nays 31. The Senate amendment to the bill providing for temporary paper from tax was concurred in, with amendments, including payment of manila, and the tax on matching bonded holders. The Senate resolution directing arrow to be forwarded to the President, with the amendment increasing the number to 10,000. A resolution relative to the impeachment of the President of Peruvia, was agreed to, and the Committee on Expenditures was requested to do during the recess.

March 23.—The Senate amendments to the bill providing for appropriations of agricultural lands were considered, and amended so as to include only steam plows, and passed. The President's message, vetoing the Southern Relief bill, was read, and the bill was passed over the President's objections, by a vote of 114 yeas to 37 nays.

March 25.—A resolution was agreed to, directing the payment into the Treasury of unexpended balances in the Navy Department. The Senate bill amount to over $11,000,000. The resolution providing the treasury at sundries by our departments, was passed. The resolution requiring the Secretary of War to proceed to pressing the desire of the House that the likely republican Union adopt a system of state schools.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Massachusetts.—The supreme court has decided that the $15,000 lately impounded by the Governor of Boston, to secure the right of suffrage to women, was not a legislative act, and ordered it to be given among her heirs.—The Constitutional Amendment has passed the Legislature.—A proposition providing for the removal of the capital of Massachusetts to Springfield, has been introduced in the Legislature.—A proposition to remove the capital from Boston to Springfield, beginning the session of the Legislature in the Connecticut Council with the first Monday in January, limiting the temporary city to such length of time as may be necessary to build in such Boston and Connecticut to authorize it, allowing disabled soldiers to be exempt from a license, allows women to vote on all questions, and enabling the administrators of deceased persons to settle estates for ten years, has been passed.—Vote of the opposite to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to locate their line in the Connecticut River, has been signed, in town books, and to secure the same by the Legislature was received, and the bill was passed over the veto of the Governor.—The Senate has passed the bill to prohibit the removal from the public conveyances and has sent to the House a bill to restore to relation to the Supreme Court.—In the House bills were introduced to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal purposes, and to repeal the law requiring the registration of voters.—The House has passed the bill

POETRY.

RECOGNITION IN HEAVEN.

I'll weeping journey o'er the plain,
Hands unto grace at every;
And calls upon some spirit flown,
Oh, say, shall those on earth our own,
Be come again—in Heaven?

Amid the lone sepulchral shade,
Where clods on dear ones rest,
Is not some lingering spirit near,
To tell if those divided here,
Unite and dwell—in Heaven?

Shall friends who o'er the waste of life,
By the same storms are driven,
Shall dear ones, torn in twain by strife,
The fortress and the train of life,
And love again—in Heaven?

The warmest love on earth is cold
Imperfect when 'tis given;
But there's a purer clime above,
Where perfect love is perfect love
Unite, and this—in Heaven.

If love on earth is but "in part,"
As light and shade at even;
If on dark plant's there between
The truest hearts; there is, I wean,
A perfect love—in Heaven.

Oh, happy world, life, glorious place,
Where all who are forgiven,
Shall find their loved and lost before
And hearts, like meeting streams, shall flow,
Forever one—in Heaven.

HOME CIRCLE.

LITTLE HARRY.

BY LILA.

No! not Harry, your naughty boy; come back, this moment! The little fellow heeded not the call of his aunt Mary, but ran swiftly on through hall, dining-room and kitchen, my very arms, as I was dusting the room, before leaving it. Putting up his rosy face for a kiss, he said, breathlessly, "don't let her take me!" then, suddenly stooping, he crawled under the sofa, saying, softly, "don't tell her!" As the moment his aunt entered it, "Harry! where is the boy? I'm sure he is here. Where is he Lila?" His is here, Miss Waters, but let him stay." "Why? he has been here at most time every day for a week." "True, but new comers always excite him." "We do, indeed, Miss Waters," said my father, entering the room as he spoke; "let Harry stay if he likes to. Come on from your hiding-place, my boy; you shall not be driven away." "Do let me," said Harry, "I will be a good boy all the time if you will only let me come in here to dinner and supper." "Well, Harry, your papa is conferring a favor if you prove good, and not troublesome. I will indulge you this once." So saying, he went to dinner to Mrs. Sherwood's. While Harry fairly danced for joy.

Harry Sherwood, a little golden-haired curly-headed boy of four years, was staying with his aunt at his grandma's, some weeks. This was his first visit to the old family mansion. His papa was a wealthy gentleman, who lived some miles away. But, although he was a pleasant, indulgent papa, he did not read his Bible, and had never taught his little son about "Our Father in Heaven," or of Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." So little Harry seemed very much astonished when my sister asked him if he ever knelt to pray. But afterwards family prayers so amazed him, that he thought a shy little fellow—he asked about it many questions. "What did you kneel for? to hide in God? Where does He live? How could He hear as when He is in heaven and we in the house? How can He be where?" and "How do you know He loves us?" Some of my little readers would have thought this strange of heathen if they had heard him. He was delighted with the story of the baby Jesus, the little boy Jesus, who was lost, and the wise Redeemer, who died for little children as well as every one else. When his aunt Mary rebuked him for staying with us at meal-time, more than his grandma's, he said, mournfully, "I like being there, because that was (meaning my father) prayer."

In the forenoon and afternoon he would play in the snow, making snow-balls and snow-men, playing with his sled, and sliding on the hill when the boys were at recess per bell rung. Harry was in, begging to have the fire and hands washed, and asking my father "not to pray till Harry is ready."

The next day was the Sabbath. Harry was up bright and early. "Papa is going this afternoon, dear Lila," he said, kissing me. "You will tell little Harry about the beautiful Jesus once more, so he won't forget." His letters on the little Bible are to beside me, listening earnestly as I told him much that I knew about God, dear Jesus, Heaven, and many of the wonderful things we read of in the text of Books. Harry's papa came in the afternoon to take him home; so, after a very loving good-bye to both as, the sons were shining brightly on the moon just rising, and Harry sleeping soundly upon the sleigh stopped at his beautiful home. The sleeping boy was carried to bed by his kind papa, and knew not that he was at home till morning.

The dear little fellow was very happy to see baby brother, mamma, and all his little pets. But, at breakfast, his papa noticed that Harry, instead of eating, sat looking at his well-filled plate very soberly. "What is the trouble, Harry," he said, "aren't you well?" Harry looked up at his face very wistfully for a moment, and then, folding his little hands and closing his eyes, he said, "thank you, dear Jesus, for my nice breakfast; please make me a good boy for Christ's sake, Amen." What does this mean?" exclaimed his papa, very much astonished. "Why, I wrote you about it," said aunt Mary. "I don't believe you received the letter you see it." "You don't mean," said his mamma, "that they have really taught him to pray?" "What did they teach you, my boy?" "Nothing, mamma, only Lila told me how little sinners about baby Jesus and His dying on the cross for us." Weeping, and worse!" "I never mind, mamma, said Mr. Sherwood, "we can easily make him forget it. I've no doubt." After breakfast, Harry, intent on his own wishes, brought to his father a large Bible, and said, "please read papa, to little Harry!" "What shall I read?" "About Jesus." So, to please the little fellow he read a few verses, and closed the Book. "Now, papa, pray!" "No, no, Harry; papa has passed you now will you do something to please him?" "Yes, dear papa!" "Then, my son, dear Harry, papa says and none prays, or any was also, and these things again, and never say you may." But why, papa?" said fearful Harry. "Because papa thinks it is best." When he thus you no old enough to know about these things, he will tell you." Poor little Harry did not know what to do, he wanted to hear more about his loving Redeemer, and to pray; but he loved his papa, and he said it was naughty. So Harry, with an obedience, which children who have better parents might copy, said, though with a quivering lip, "Harry will promise, dear papa," and sealed it with a kiss.

Harry is almost a man now. He has always been an upright, moral boy. Whether he has any remembrance of this little event in his early life, I know not; but as early impressions are apt to be very vivid and lasting, it is to be hoped he may yet become a follower of Him, the story of whose life and death so interested his little children heart.

THE LITTLE OUTCAST.

"Mayn't I stay ma'am? I'll work, eat wood, go for water and do all your errands."

The troubled eyes of the speaker were filled with tears. It was a bad that stood, one cold day in winter, at the door of a cottage on a bleak moor in Scotland. The snow had been falling very fast, and the poor boy looked very cold and hungry.

"You may come in at any rate till my husband comes home. There, sit down by the fire; you look perishing with cold;" and the dame's voice was kind, warmest gesture then suspiciously glancing at the boy from the corners of her eyes, she continued setting the table for supper.

Presently came the tramp of heavy boots, and the door was swung open with a quick jerk, and the husband entered, wearied with his day's work.

A look of intelligence passed between his wife and himself. He looked at the boy but did not seem very well pleased: he nevertheless made him come to the table, and was glad to see how heartily he ate his supper.

Day after day passed, and the boy begged to be kept "until to-morrow," so the good couple after due deliberation, considering that, as long as he was such a good boy, and worked so willingly, they would keep him.

One day, in the middle of winter, a neighbor who often traded at the cottage, called, and after drinking a measure of ale or gin, was preparing to go, when he said to the woman:

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"I have seen him," replied the peddler.

"Where? Who is he? What is he?"

"A jail bird," and the peddler shouldering his pack over his shoulder. "That boy, young as he looks, I saw in court myself, and heard him sentenced—Ten month. You'd do well to look carefully after him."

Oh! there was nothing so dreadful in the word "jail!" The good woman trembled as she had never done before. Perhaps she had brought of the peddler; nor could she say till she called the boy in, and assured him that she loved him in spite of his history.

Ashamed and distressed the poor boy hung down his head; his cheeks seemed burning with the hot blush that lit up even his ears; "Well," he muttered, his whole frame shaking, "there's no use trying to do right any more; everybody hates and despises me; nobody cares about me."

"Tell me," said the woman, "how came you to go so young to that dreadful place? Where is your mother?"

"Oh!" exclaimed the boy, with a burst of grief that was terrible to behold, "Oh! I never had a mother! I hadn't no mother ever since I was a baby. If I'd only had a mother," he continued, while tears poured from his eyes, "I wouldn't have been bound out, and kicked and cuffed and horse-whipped. I wouldn't have been sweary and ragged and down, and run away, and then stole, because I was hungry. Oh! I'd only a mother!"

The strength was all gone from the poor boy, and he sunk on his knees, sobbing great shocking sobs, and rubbing the tears from his face with the sleeve of his jacket.

The woman was a mother, and though all her children slept under the cold sod in the churchyard, she was a mother still. She put her hand kindly on the head of the boy, and told him to look up, and said from that time on he should be to her as a mother. She would put her arm around the neck of that forsaken, deserted child; she poured from her mother's heart words of kindness, of hope and love and tenderness. Oh! how sweet was her step than that of a mother to the boy, and she had plucked some thorns from the path of a little sinning but striving mortal.

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CATCHING THE BUNBEAM.

BY S. H.

Tired of playing, tired of toy,
Little Johnnie sat one day,
With his bright blue eyes and golden hair
Sat on the floor by his mother's chair.

Tears just on the day was beginning to die,
And the sun, ere descending the Western sky,
Threw a parting glance through the open door,
In a golden beam upon the floor.

Quickly he seized his little white hat,
And scrambling away as fast as a cat,
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